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Because we're in the Windy City (oh, yeah, you talk too much!).....WIND
Because it's written Ch., IL (and we wish they would).....CHILL
And considering the state of the world, we'd like to be a.....FACTOR

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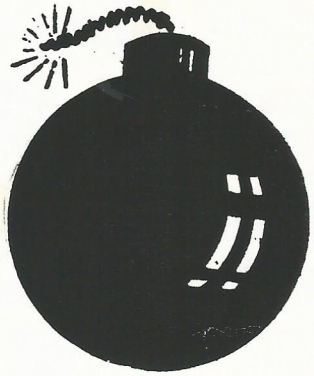

"NOTHING IS TRUE, EVERYTHING IS PERMITTED."

DEDICATION

EVERY PERSON

This first issue of the Wind Chill Factor is in memory and honor of You the reader. You, like us, have struggled hard to maintain your Liberty, Dignity, and Sanity in this Cesspool of Capitalism.

Each of us from an early age have challenged in one way or another the pernicious, seductive, often subtle authoritarianism which thrives in our institutions in "The Land of the Free". We have courage!

See the young childen reaching, grasping, wanting so much to experience and embrace the world. Their very Being often denied--yet they keep on "Movin'"!

See the young people caught in webs of prejudice, contradiction, deceit--this thing called Adolescence--yet still Rebelling!

Look at the parents and "adults", striving to be all things in this rigged game they call the "Family"--yet still Determined!

Finally, look at the older folks--tired, so tired--yet demanding their Dignity!

WE WILL NOT BE DENIED!

We salute You the reader and welcome you to the Wind Chill Factor!

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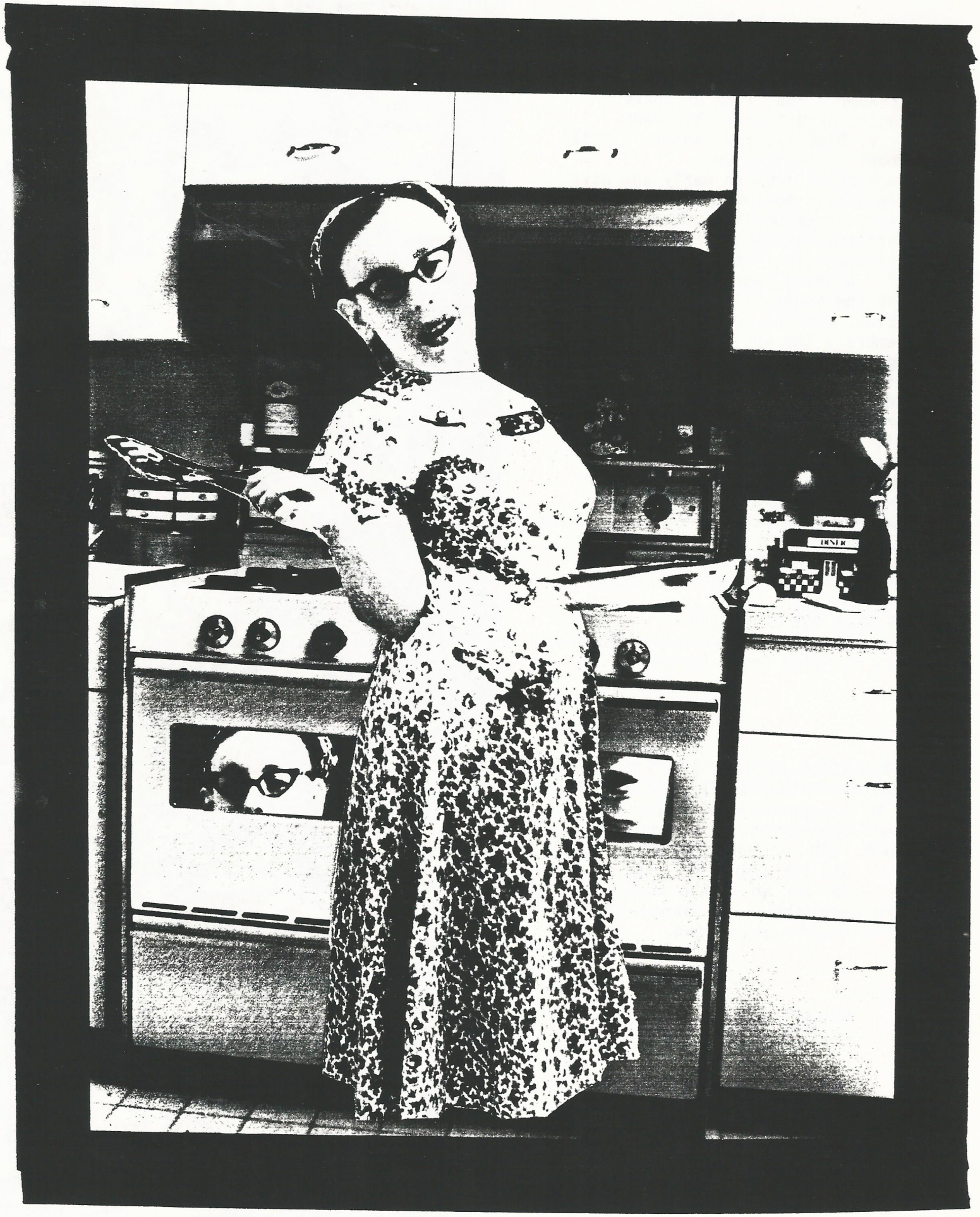
Appalling silence

"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."

—Martin Luther King Jr.



" JOE DON'T TELL ME "

HEY JOE
SPEAK THROUGH YOUR HEART
AND NOT THROUGH YOUR LIES
SHOW US IN YOUR HEART AND
NOT WHAT YOU'VE SEEN
ANOREXIA BARBIE USA

SO JOE DON'T BE COMING AROUND HERE NO MORE
TILL YOU CAN BE A TRUE MAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEARS
OF SISTERHOOD CAUSE WE ARE NO LESS THEN YOU ARE OF US
DON'T TELL ME WHAT I AM CAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU
DON'T TELL ME THAT I'M NOT A REAL WOMAN CAUSE
WHAT THE FUCK IS A REAL WOMAN ANY WAY KINDA
LIKE A REAL MAN
AND YEAH I SAY FUCK OFF TO THE "HEY CAN I SUCK YOUR PUSSY"
RACE O MEN AS YOU SMILE AT MY DISGUST AND INSULTED
WRINKLED BROW

SO JOE DON'T BE COMING AROUND HERE NO MORE
TILL YOU CAN BE A TRUE MAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEARS OF SISTERHOOD
CAUSE WE ARE NO LESS THEN YOU ARE OF US
DON'T TELL ME I'M A CASTRATING BITCH OR ANTI-MALE
CAUSE I HATE BEING RAPED AND ALL LIKE THAT
DID I EVER CASTRATE YOU?
ALTHOUGH THE THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND
WHEN YOU FOLLOWED ME FOR MILES AND MILES AND MILES AND MILES AND
MILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILESMILES
IN THE LONG AND WINDY ROAD HOME
AND THEN SAID BOO WHEN I GOT TO MY DOOR

OR TELL ME THAT MY LOOKS GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO CALL ME A WHORE
(YEAH IT WOULD BE GREAT IF IT WAS LEGAL)
BUT I'M NOT A WHORE, WELL SOMETIMES, A BITCH, WELL SOMETIMES
OR ANYTHING RIGHT

SO JOE DON'T BE COMING AROUND HERE NO MORE
TILL YOU CAN BE A TRUE MAN UNDERSTAND YOU FEARS
OF SISTERHOOD CAUSE WE ARE NO LESS THEN YOU ARE OF US
WE ARE WHOLE

AS YOU HAVE SEEN YOURSELF SO BIG AND TALL
THAT WANTS US UNDER YOUR THUMB FROM OUR MINDS TO
OUR VAGINAL CANAL BABY I CAN'T LOVE YOU TILL
YOU CAN SHOW ME YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO SEES ME AS SOMEONE
AND NOT YOUR-THING, GIRL, WIFE, MAID, WORKER, BITCH,
HOLE,CUNT, CAR SHE CAN GO FOR MILES AND MILES AND MILES AND THEN
SOME AND MAYBE I CAN AND MAYBE I DO
BUT MAN O MAN I CAN'T LOVE YOU UNTIL THAT DAY COMES

MY SADNESS FOR YOU SOUL IS RAPIDLY TURNING INTO BITTERNESS
AND FURY FROM WITH IN AND OUT OF MY BODY THAT I CONTROL
WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR LAWS

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FLURRIES

A RIOT GREETED President Bush as he visited Greece on July 18. Several thousand, mostly students, defied a demonstration ban and fought with Athens riot police half a mile from the presidential palace. Fires, molotovs, and stones were met with riot gear and tear gas. The offices of Amerikkkan Express were trashed, and several were injured.
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SHOE POLISH, which is legal to carry, and an unidentified brand of spraypaint made with fish oil are the most damaging weapons of graffiti artists, according to a July 18 Chicago Tribune article. Both seep into bricks and can only be removed by painting over or blasting off.
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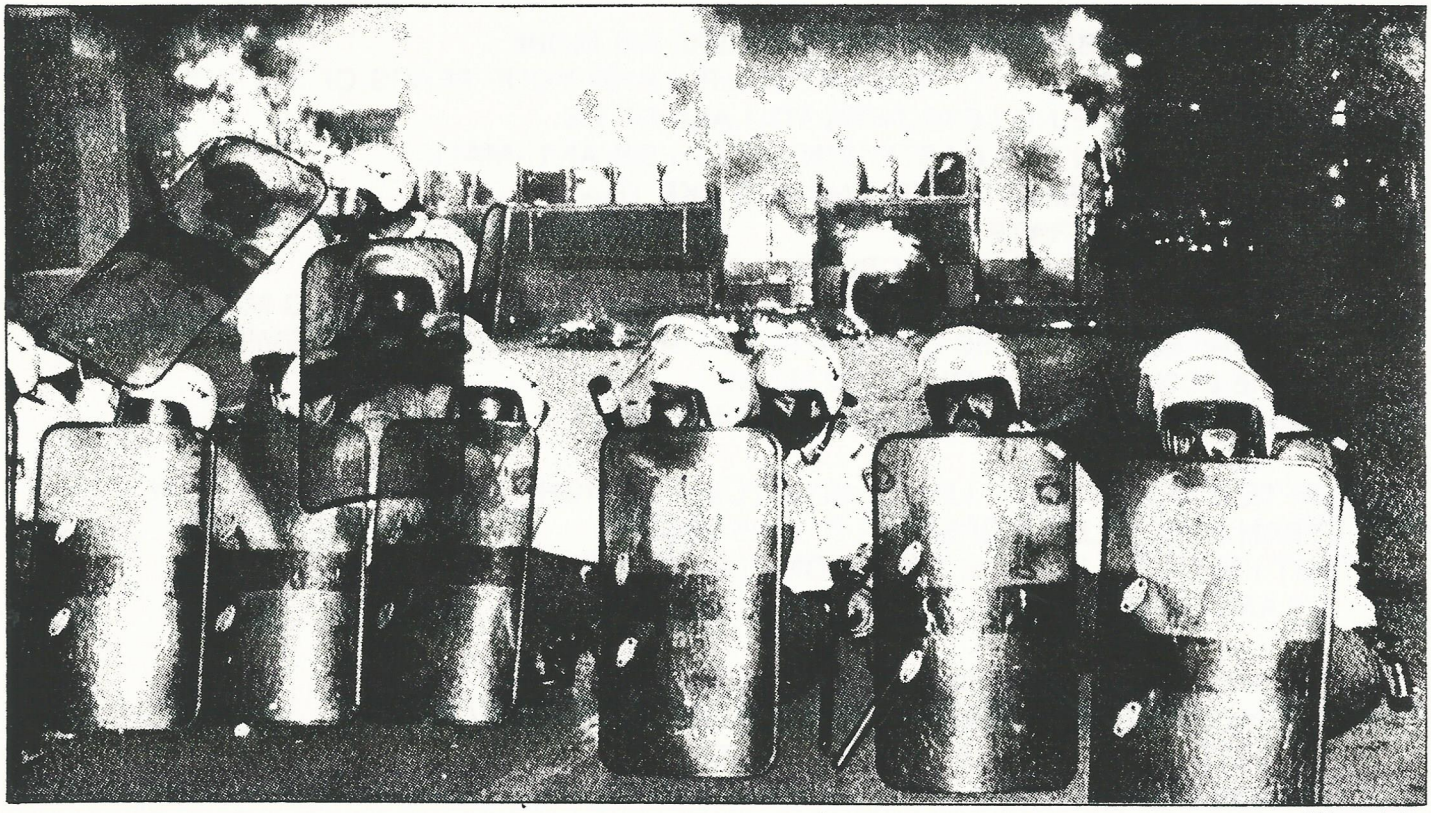
The following is taken from a Fifth Estate *excerpt of a dossier circulated by Os Cangacieros, a French group sabotaging the "13,000 project" of new maximum security prisons. The material originally appeared in France in* Mordicus *and* Le Monde Libertaire.

The sabotage operation undertaken against different companies involved in the construction of the new prisons began at the end of April 1989. Whoever accepted to participate in this construction project found themselves, as a result, exposed to a number of reprisals...

From the end of April until the of June, we enter different sites (Aix-les-Milles, Tarascon, Villeneuve-les-Maguelonne, Pontoise, Maubeuge, Bapaume), where we sabotage the cement intended for the sites using a procedure which is childishly simple. Sugar mixed with cement, in effect, in a proportion of one to one thousand (in other words, one kilo per ton), prevents the cement from hardening...



AP Laserphoto

Police take cover as a bus torched by rioters burns Thursday in Athens during a protest against President Bush's visit.

THE BLACK PANTHER, Black Community News Service has started again! They have published two excellent issues so far with articles on Black political prisoners and POWs, drugs, AIDS, Black Panther Party history, fallen comrades, police violence, Malcolm X, and many more. The paper comes out of BPNC, P.O.Box 519, Berkely, CA 94701, (415)653-2902, but they also have offices in NJ, NY, OK, and Chicago.
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OSTRICH BURGERS have appeared on the menu of Cuyama Buckhorn restaurant in CA. Ostriches are raised for their hides and feathers by about 1000 Amerikan ranchers who see potential in those carnivores that would prefer ostrich to beef, because of less fat and cholesterol.
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The Bureaucrat Has No Clothes...

Mexican farmers aren't usually as militant as their northern counterparts, but they stepped out of character in Mexico City earlier this month. Angered by the government's refusal to curtail illegal timbering operations on their land, several thousand subsistence farmers marched on the Agricultural Secretariat. After snarling traffic for four days, the campesinos assaulted Jesús Cardeña Rodriguez, the secretariat's director of forest policy, as he left the building, stripped him to his underwear and paraded him through the street for three hours. The public display won the peasants a pledge of government action.

...And the Chancellor Needs a Laundromat

German leader Helmut Kohl, whose popularity has plunged as his countrymen have become aware of just how much unification is going to cost, is losing his patience. Walking through the shabby central square in the town of Halle earlier this month, Kohl caught the people's disaffection right in the face. Irate citizens pelted him with eggs while shouting, "Liar! Liar!" The enraged Kohl, egg yolks dripping from his head and lapels, shook off security personnel and plunged into the crowd to confront the hecklers. Just as the burly *Bundeskanzler* was taking a swing, his guards dragged him away.

from a May issue of Time magazine

Global Class War

CLASS WAR, the notorious English anti-authoritarian group and newspaper, is calling a week long international conference to be held in London September 23-28 1991 entitled "Our Time Has Come.". Class War is well known for their raw humour, street militancy and uncompromising working class politics, so this should be an interesting conference.

The promotional mailing for the conference includes a long list of discussion topics for the conference including: the rise of racism and fascism in Europe, green politics, sex and sexuality, the death of communism?, Arab nationalism and Moslem fundamentalism, riot and revolution, and many more.

The conference is emphasizing the need "for a more coordinated, international movement" saying "We believe that the events in Eastern and Western Europe over the last few years, and the period of austerity facing the working class, offer a great opportunity for a new international working class movement, to recapture the class war from the corpse of Marxist-Leninism."

The organizers of the conference are looking for speakers who want to lead a workshop. The conference planners are also offering travel subsidies to those coming from Eastern Europe. At present they would like to know who wants to attend and what kind of travel arrangements (e.g. visas, invitations to attend, etc.) will be necessary.

We hope that as many North Americans as possible will be able to attend this conference. If you are interested in this conference contact:

International Secretary c/o
London Class War
P.O. Box 467
London E.6 3QX
England

INS and police dept. work hand-in-hand

The *Chicago Sun Times* reported in April that Chicago suburban police departments have called in the Immigration and Naturalization Service to deport undocumented immigrants who are "suspected" of gang activity.

The police and INS claim that this is a great idea for "fighting crime." But the built-in discrimination against Latinos and other immigrants is obvious. After all, what is "suspected gang activity" to most policemen? Three Mexican men standing on a corner? Or maybe any gathering of Latinos in a park? What's actually going on is that the police can detain anyone for any reason and ask the INS to come and verify immigration status.

Anti-racist activists have organized for years to demand that local police activities and INS activities be separated. In the city of Chicago there is still a mayoral order in effect since 1986 forbidding city police or other agencies from calling in the INS. But if this experiment in the suburbs is "successful," it is possible that the rules will be changed in Chicago. And we'll have police again calling in the INS when someone "foreign looking," or who speaks with an accent, is "suspected" of traffic violations.

(From the May 29 issue of the Chicago Workers' Voice, paper of the MLP-Chicago.) □

FROM THE BLACK PANTHER SUMMER ISSUE:

WHAT'S THE STORY BILLY?

Jersey City, NJ

Famous and well known activist attorney William Kuntsler has been hired by recently laid off Jersey City negro police. Kuntsler is challenging their lay offs as systematic institutional racism. This is manifested by being the last hired therefore the first fired. These same negro police who now demonstrate against the mayor and call him a racist were/are quiet about racist pig attacks on the community. They have signed allegiance to the state to become cannon fodder for the ruling class. As in neocolonialism the oppressor uses agents of the same color as the oppressed to carry out injustices. These "police officers" are learning that as in a neocolonialist situation, they are still considered "niggers" and are discriminated against by institutional racism. While the community can identify with the discrimination they are facing, we are also reminded of their lack of community consciousness and concern when they see their fellow pigs brutalizing our community. Be they Black or White, a pig is a pig. ■

RESIST TO EXIST.

COOK COUNTY CRIME Stoppers, which offers cash rewards for anonymous snitching, has recovered over $19 million in stolen property and illegal narcotics since May 1986, yet has only given $13,500 in rewards. Never before has state repression been so lucrative. The program, which encourages citizens to spy on and turn in each other, has major corporate sponsors like Amoco, the First National Bank of Chicago, R.R. Donnelly, and McMaster-Carr, Inc. Now it's not just Big Brother, but Little Bro (thanx to ruling class bribery) as well...

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!
GET YOUR AMEX BOYCOTT MATERIALS!!
(P.S. They're FREE!!)

That's right, while they last, we'll mail you lots of stuff to aid the American Express boycott...for free! (We accept donations, of course). Choices include:

(Quantity)

___ BOYCOTT AMERICAN EXPRESS!! rubber stamps: Imprint your favorite credit card applications.

___ "De-Business" cards: Carry in your wallet and hand them out to your Yuppie friends. They explain the boycott on one side with the AMEX Skull on the other.

___ AMEX Skull agitators.

___ Packet for photo-copying. Enlist local merchants in the campaign!

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LEGAL OBSERVERS

Who's Watching *Does* Make a Difference!

A trend I have noticed at better-run demonstrations and actions recently is the presence of "Legal Observers."

Legal observers are volunteers, usually lawyers by profession, who agree to attend a demonstration or other action and observe what goes on, without participating. Any lawyer can perform this function, and should do so on a volunteer basis.

Such legal observers arrive before the action begins, and wear name tags or other "badges" identifying them and their role in the proceedings. They typically go up to the police and/or other potential adversaries in advance and say something like: "Hello. My name is (so and so) and I'm here as a legal observer today." They then exchange business cards or other identification with the potential opposition.

From then on, all they do is stand and watch. They do not participate in the action, nor do they interfere. They don't advise the participants on what course to take; they remain passive, but alert.

For those involved in the action, the presence of such observers is invaluable. If anyone's rights are violated in any way, these observers can make well-informed and reliable eye-witnesses. While photographers are often the first to be attacked or disabled in such situations, these observers cannot reasonably be removed or interfered with. And in the presence of such observers, the rights of demonstrators are much less likely to be violated. (It is less tempting to beat up demonstrators if their lawyers are watching.)

Whenever you plan to participate in an action of any kind, be sure in advance that legal observers will be present. Make this a top priority — it is a precaution that you can't afford not to take!

—Margaret Hays Young

FROM THE LAST ISSUE OF THE EF! JOURNAL

YOUTH LIBERATION GATHERING

is to be held AUGUST 9-12 in Otttawa, Canada. It is an anarchist/ anti-authoritarian gathering, focusing on YOUTN LIBERATION and it is being put on by the AYF Ottawa. You do not have to be a youth to attend the gathering, as most of the issues that will be addressed, affect us all. However, there will be some "youth only" workshops if desired. Those wishing to do a workshop feel free to do so. Free space will be available for spontaneous workshops. Some ideas for workshops are: Youth and the law, Racism, Sexism, Homophobia, Psychiatry, T-Shirt Making, Economic Bondage of Youth; Youth and School, vegan cooking, institionalization, radical sexuality, and more.

Other than workshops there will be a gig, picnic, and parties.

There will also be asoup kitchen available. Please bring sleeping bags, as space will be very crowded. So please bring up tents if available. It will greatly ease the lodging problem; there will also be areas to camp . Childcare will be organized. Donations are needed and much appreciated . for more information please contact by phoning or writing.

Please contact:
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after July 11 Alex (613) 739-3686

For regional co-ordination call:
NYC and Northeast U.S.A. call (212) 925-2306, extension 13, press # button and leave message.
Montreal and Quebec: Librarie Alternative at (514) 844-3209
Mid West and West Coast U.S.A.: Profane Existance at (612) 377-5269
Hope to see you there!

11 DAYS AFTER the Supreme Court issued the gag-rule, it quietly made another decision with stronger, more far-reaching consequences, according to the August issue of Scientific American. Called the Mexico City policy (because it was announced at a family-planning conference there in 1984), "the rule denies U.S. foreign aid to any organization that performs abortions, advises women on abortion or lobbies on behalf of abortion rights--even if these activities are supported by non-U.S. funds."

As a result, many international groups that offer contraception as well as abortion-related services have lost their funding. The Agency for International Development (AID), "the primary dispender of U.S. foreign aid", used to be a world leader in promoting birth control, but now, because of the policy, diverts some funds towards groups that are opposed to all forms of artificial contraception. The decision "may actually have led to a rise in the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions in the Third World by reducing the availability of other forms of contraception."

Unsafe abortions are already the leading cause of death of women in their twenties and thirties in 6 Latin American countries and the second leading killer in another 6. An estimated 200,000+ women die every year due to improper abortions. And now more women will be "turning to unqualified abortion practitioners or trying to abort their pregnancies themselves," thanks to the Mexico City policy.

Afraid that they may lose their funding, many clinics are now refusing to treat botched abortions as well. "A worker at a clinic in Bangladesh [where botched abortions account for 31 percent of all recorded maternal deaths] told PCC researchers that even if a woman showed up bleeding and in severe pain, she would be turned away without treatment or even advice."

Although the policy supposedly only affects private groups, many governments dependent on U.S. foreign aid have followed suit with their state-run clinics and hospitals. Said a Kenyan health official, "One does not bite the hand..."

Family-planning groups are lobbying Congress to overturn the decision with legislation. They are hoping that many people, also outraged by the gag rule, will support the rights of Third World women to protect them from the clutches of U.S. patriarchal control.

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GERMAN RIOT POLICE charged and clashed with a group of 300 young squatters and protestors in Hamburg on July 23rd. The squatters were defending a park they had occupied for two years. The state plans to build 42 low-income apartments in the park where a youth center is now. The squatters claim there are already too many empty buildings in the area. Several squatters and police were injured as the police cleared the park.

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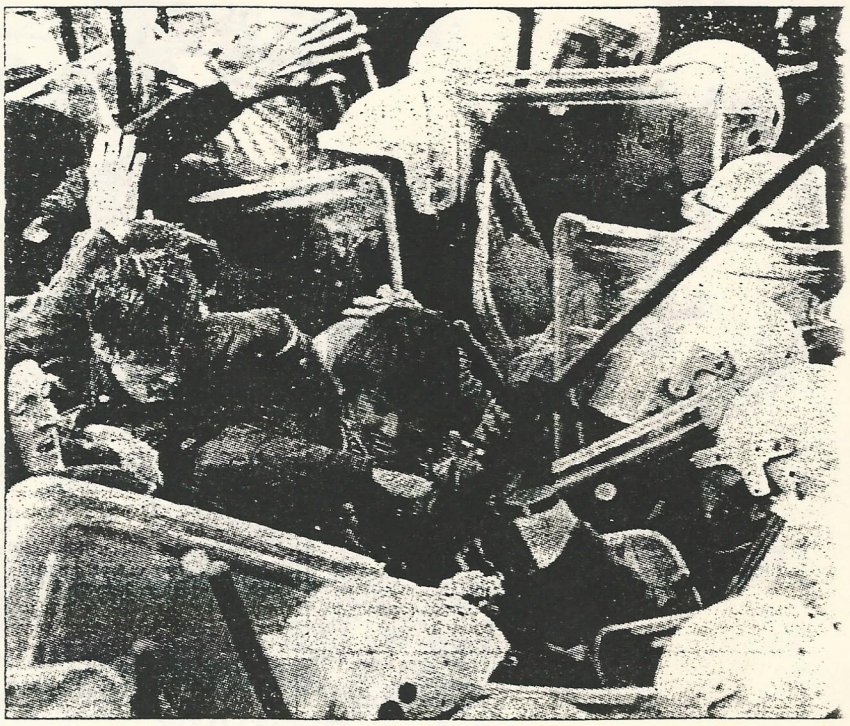


Chicago Tribune

13 people arrested in Field's protest

(WITH THE NECESSARY ADDITIONS...)

12 FOR A DIE-IN AND ONE FOR "NOT TALKING NICE TO THE LADIES" — PIG QUOTE

(I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES A WEEK THIS SWINE BEATS HIS WIFE?)

Thirteen people were arrested at Marshall Field's State Street store Saturday during a noontime protest of the company's sponsorship of Chicago's July 3 fireworks display.

ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T EXPLAIN WHY WE WERE PROTESTING IN THIS ARTICLE, THEY EXPLAINED IT PERFECTLY A FEW WEEKS AGO →

Members of the anti-gulf war group Pledge of Resistance walked into the store posing as shoppers, witnesses said.

(THEY WERE AROUND BEFORE THE WAR, TOO!)

EVER NOTICE THAT WHEN ONE GROUP CALLS A DEMO, EVERYONE WHO SHOWS IS AUTOMATICALLY PROCLAIMED A MEMBER BY THE MEDIA?

Fields, Fox and Fireworks. The tab for this year's July 3 Taste of Chicago fireworks display is being picked up by the private sector—specifically, Marshall Fields. The retailer is underwriting a 35 minute extravaganza (20 minutes longer than previous shows) with musical accompaniment, to be broadcast live on Fox 32. The extravaganza, modestly titled "Fields Fireworks: a salute to the military," will include never-before-seen effects including a 1,200-foot wall of fire, exploding "yellow ribbon shells" and "patriot shells," which duplicate the effect of the desert shield patriot missiles (without benefit of incoming scuds, thank you very much).

SMUG BASTARDS AREN'T THEY?

At about 12:30 p.m., protesters threw streamers and shouted

MEDIA DOUBLESPEAK FOR BLACK RIBBONS

"150,000 dead and Marshall Field's throws a party." They unfurled a banner calling on customers to destroy their Field's credit cards and threw red leaflets denouncing the store.

MORE MEDIA ACCURACY AT WORK, ALL WE SAID WAS FIELDS!

MARSHALL FIELDS KILLING FIELDS

AND CUT UP THEIR OWN OUTSIDE

NOT JUST THE STORE, BUT THE WASTE OF MONEY FOR THE GLORIFICATION OF WAR

WHAT ABOUT THE PICKET AND STREET THEATER OUTSIDE?

WONDERING WHY THIS ARTICLE NEEDED SO MUCH HELP TO BE MADE FACTUAL? IT'S NOT TOO HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHEN YOU KNOW THAT ONE OF THE TRIB'S BIGGEST ADVERTISERS IS

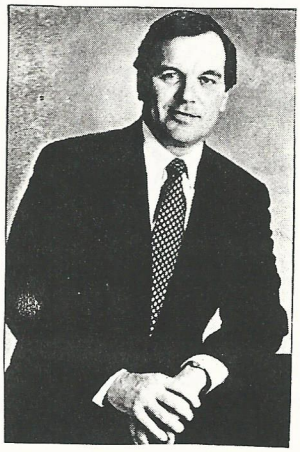
Marshall Field's

FANCY THAT.

BY: NIXIE + SPRITE

DALEY & BURGE DEMO REVIEW (featuring Dick & John)

BURGE: Well, Dick, what did you think of that one?
DALEY: Gee, John, there weren't an awful lot of commie-hippy-freaks out there this time, but I do think I saw a number of new faces. In the size category, on a scale of five, I'd give them only two fists.
BURGE: Yeah, but the faggots were pretty clever this time. My informants didn't hear about the stunt they were planning on pulling inside. They're lucky they didn't fuck up the store any more or my boys would've busted some heads. But I'll give 'em a three fister on militancy.
DALEY: Well, John, you can give me a three fister any time. But I would also say that some of my constituents in the store did notice the commotion. I would give them four fists for getting their message across.
BURGE: Maybe tomorrow night, Richard. Hey, did you notice the dykes out front? Some kind of TWAT Team doing some street theater. It was pretty good. I nearly coughed up some doughnuts. I'd give the lezzies five fists for that.
DALEY: I wouldn't touch 'em, they've got hairy armpits! Yech! But your boys were looking pretty fine there, John. And they didn't get rowdy and go busting heads, so I'd give the pi--uh, I mean, police--a two fister just because they dragged that one long-haired pinko away for talking back to the women.
BURGE: Agreed. Overall, I'd give the demo a big four fister.
DALEY: Well, hey, John, what you say we go back to Bridgeport and you can give me one too?
BURGE: Only if you eat a doughnut off my dick.



SIZE	✊✊
MILITANCY	✊✊✊
MESSAGE	✊✊✊✊
THEATER	✊✊✊✊✊
PIGS	✊✊
OVERALL	✊✊✊✊

INSIGNIFICANCE IS BUT A VIRTUE IN LESS OBVIOUS MANNERISMS.

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CLANG!

KRUNG!

WELCOME to NOWHERE fool!

HATE

IT STARTED LIKE THIS, YES! OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE PARTICULAR, CLANGIN' METALLIC CHURCH BELLS RANG THROUGH OUT THE EMTY VOID; BOY 'O BOY, AND STEAM ROLLIN' DOWN IT DID. LIKE CLOCKWORK DID IT RING I TELL YOU. Uh huh ... THEN A DEAD CALM WAS PRESENT, AND THAT WHICH WAS WELL WAS NOT!

"CHOPPING! CHOPPIN' HE IS!? AND WHAT FOR, for heaven's sake! OFF YOU GO NOW! Oh dear. Now, NOW YOUNG LASS, IT WON'T BE MORE THAN FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT!"

BELLS AND LIGHTS CHIMING LIKE AN OUT OF CONTROL KID WITH A WHISTLE. THERE'S A FUZZED OUT SOUND OF SOMEONE TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME. CONTACT! "PIANOS PIANOS." THEY SCREAM EVERYWHERE CHAOTICALLY! IN A WAREHOUSE THEY SOUND.

IT WAS VERY QUIET, NOW I'M IN AN ENGINE OF A TRUCK, IN FRONT OF NEON. THIS PERSON WON'T STOPPPP BABBLING — THEN THIS HORRENDOUS VOMIT COME SPEW FORTH AND OTHER DEMONS AND SUCH; THEY DINE IN ECSTACY AND LET OTHERS SUFFER LIKE CHILDREN WITHOUT MOTHERS'. "STARTING TO BECOME NOTHING IF I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYTHING YOU FOOL.

XXX

BOOM!

BUCKWHEAT '91

THE SLIME AND SCUM THAT WON'T COME OFF, PERSISTS TO STAY AMONG ITSELF. "fine, LET IT BE THAT WAY, JUST KILL IT!!"

"CROAKING? IT SOUNDS AS IF HE'S DEAD TO ME, YOU KNOW? IT WON'T STOP! CALM DOWN, DAMMIT! SIT PATIENTLY AND PURR."

"QUIT YOU'RE LAFFIN' JACK!" SMACK!!! "I CHOKE YOU!" NOT LAFFIN' ANYMORE ARE YOU NOW, huh!? FUCKER!! HAH! BEAT YOU OVER THE HEAD WITH A STEEL POT."

THE FAMILY

In defining anarchism (as much as is possible), I would hope in a series of articles to explore with you, if you choose, the history, theory, and contemporary movements of anarchism. Anarchism and its value to us can best be understood, I believe, by looking at those institutions in contemporary society; the family, educational system, workplace, and the State which attempts to deny us our individual freedom and sense of community with each other! In this article we will look at the family.

Enough for now of the academic tone, my anarchism is personal, playful, spontaneous, an outpouring of the joy & pain of living. Each of us has experiences, in relation to the oppressive institutions of society, that have made us open to anarchism. Let's together look at these experiences and feel our anarchism!

You should read this article and believe what I say now! Sound familiar? Perhaps your stomach tightens and twists when I say this. I know mine does. When I hear this shit, and we get it in a thousand and one ways in our daily lives, I want to rebel, fight back, be lazy, anything but go along with the program. Or perhaps like so many we have stopped feeling. We repress our anger and let it out later on someone we love. To know how you want to be with others, and yet to be caught in this institutional authoritarian sewer we call society is enough to make one scream in pain & explode.

How many of us have a sense of who we really are and what we could be? Please find a quiet moment and think about this if you choose. In our lives we try on our different roles; male, "female", mother, father, black, white, daughter, son, brother, sister, businessperson, worker, student, etc. You get my drift? Each of these roles are defined and structured in some way way by the society we live in. We don't own these roles--they often own us. Even when we are rebelling against these roles, our very rebellion is often pre-determined by society. As Max Stirner, a 19th century German anarchist points out in his book The Ego and His Own (1), we have "wheels in our head." We are driven from the time we are born by values and thoughts that are so often imposed on us. Who am I? As Stirner points out, where is my "Ownership of Self"? Seems like all of us are just "playin'" a role baby. Do we own our thoughts or do they own us? Sometimes I feel like a "dog chasing his tail" in my attempts to find my own sense of "freedom" in this world.

Where do we get the pattern of our thinking? The oughts, the shoulds, that we lay on ourselves and others? Certainly in the "WASP" socialization process, which many of us know most intimately, it starts with the nuclear family. The nuclear family could be defined as a social unit of a parent or parents and their children living in one household. In African-American or Hispanic families the parenting is extended to other relatives who often live in the household, but not necessarily. These two social units, the nuclear and extended family, provide us with our oughts and shoulds. In doing so as small social units (parenting, etc.) their pressures and responsibilities are tremendous!

The ways in which these responsibilities are carried out are 1)defining of gender roles, 2)socialization of children, 3)intra-family relations, and 4)the reasons for the family structure. These are points that will be touched upon in this piece.

I will contend in this piece that the "family" in our society is by nature hierarchical, patriarchal or influenced by patriarchy, authoritarian, and therefore a perfect vehicle for the needs of capitalism and its governmental henchpersons, but that it is totally inappropriate for educating each of us to be loving, caring, cooperative free human beings!

The process of role defining, socialization, and relationship within the family is known as Kinship activity. By this I am referring not only to those relations within the family or extended family (uncles, aunts, grandparents, etc.) that focus on the socialization of children, but also sexuality, procreation, child rearing, maturation, and aging. These kin relations define sexual norms and also determine the way children are to become adult lovers, mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, uncles, aunts, etc.

To structure this activity within the family, and within the larger society in ways that are harmonious to "societal values", requires that the folks within the family take on certain roles. These roles are most often defined by gender. And in our society these gender roles and relations, within the family, are often structured in a patriarchal way to one degree or another. Why patriarchy? People societies have not always been dominated by males. Power was at various times in ancient Egypt strongly matriarchal. Various Native American groups through their kinship system have had power distributed through womyn. But on the whole for the last few thousand years much of society has been dominated by males. Generally males are physically stronger and since most cultures are aggressive, competitive, and authoritarian, then "might makes right". Does it have to be so? At what point in time did people societies change from cooperative, agricultural societies to largely warrior-military dominated cultures? Can males be gentle, cooperative, and liberating in their relationships? Certainly as a male I want to answer yes I can be different. But then I look at my own aggressive dominating tendencies, and his-story, and I wonder...

For right now let's look at the point of view of the authors of the book "Liberating Theory" (2) as regards gender roles. "The point is that sexual biology dictates a particular division of labor in only two regards: giving birth and breast feeding. All other gender relations are socially established. What's more in every case where differences exist between what men and womyn do -- including the bearing of children, the meanings given these differences are socially defined. How people interact with one another in kinship activity is established by the kinship institutions of the institutional boundary and the patterns developed in the human center. Kinship relations are not God-given or nature-given but historical." Quite a mouthful and no doubt very academic for a 'zine but please wade through it for its value.

Let's now take a closer look at Patriarchy. Adrienne Rich in her book "Of Woman Born" (3) says "Patriarchy is the power of the fathers: a familial-social, ideological, political system in which men by force, direct pressure, or through ritual, tradition, law, and language, customs, etiquette, education, and the division of labor, determine what part women shall or shall not play, and which the female everywhere is subsumed under the male. I live under the powers of the fathers, and I have access only to so much of privelege or influence as the patriarchy is willing to acede to me, and only for so long as I will pay the price for male approval."

Sounds real familiar doesn't it? Naw, couldn't be in the great old U.S.A. I mean we have had 25 years of feminism and women are now in positions of power. Yet somehow I get the feeling that its the same old ball game. Power-dominance relationships still pervade. Women have put on pants suits, apeing men. But it's still the same old putrid patriarchy of dominance, hierarchy, and control by white males and their minions. Let's be clear about what patriarchy is. It is dominance of males over females, but it is also dominance of males over males (hierarchy), and as a person and anarchist-communist I will not be dominated by males or by persons referring to themselves as females! It is very important that we not paint patriarchy with broad brush strokes. Oftentimes it can be subtle. Sometimes an individual family is dominated by a woman. And as a child you are buffeted by the enormous passions of fear and insecurity that this mother feels for her male child having to enter a world of dominance and competition, and so she is afraid for herself and her child. But is this patriarchy? Or are the dynamics of this individual family a result of the insidous effects of patriarchy and its twin capitalism? Each of us have pain that we carry from childhood and anarchism is a way of fighting back.

What is mothering & fathering in our society? What are the values and traits associated with each? What does it mean to be masculine? To be feminine? If you notice inherent in patriarchy, in the roles for each of us within the kinship system of family, are a lot of supposed to be's, should's, ought's. "A man does not cry." If he does it must be seldom.

"Women are nurturing and men are tough." What a bunch of crap! Who the fuck says? Could it be that each of us, with our socially prescribed roles, facilitates the smooth running of the "pecking order" of capitalism, which requires "Order--New World Order" for it to survive. Viva La Resistance! Liberty to all those who choose what they are & feel!

Patriarchy, in addition to putting these rigid roles of male & female upon us, also believes it shall determine, given that it is a hierarchical system, our sexuality and sexual preference. It does so with its sibling, heterosexism. Heterosexism is defined in the book Liberating Theory as "the oppression of gays and lesbians and the belief that heterosexuality is superior to homosexuality." In regards to homophobia, which has become more overt in violence recently, Dennis Altman writes in the Homosexualization of America (4), "It is not uncommon to hear a call for castration and even the death penalty for homosexuals among some fundamentalists...The language of homophobia is remarkable for its vehemence (why was homosexuality and not rape or murder long seen as 'the unmentionable and abominable crime'?) and its frequency--Anglo-Celtic slang, in particular, is full of reference to homosexuality: 'cocksucker, bugger, pansy, faggot, poofter' are all common terms of abuse--is striking, as if the constant reiteration of homosexual words will somehow ward off the reality. Most clearly homophobes constantly speak as if homosexuality were contagious and place great stress on 'protecting' children from any contact with homosexuals: it is hard to explain logically how homosexuality can at the same time be 'disgusting' and 'unnatural', and yet so attractive that only the most severe sanctions will prevent its becoming rampant."

Wow! What courage it takes to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual in this society. How often in public have any of us seen people of the same sex holding hands? Very rarely. The most elemental and basic form of affection is denied our brothers and sisters. Even more than sexual intercourse or kissing I need to touch & grasp my companions hand. To feel her strength. To be denied this would be unbearable, yet this is what this sick society demands so often of those who choose to be different. That they deny their Being!

All this pain & misery that is inflicted, is for a "reason". I mean how can you have a State without prescribed roles that reinforce hierarchy and Order. Capitalism, Patriarchy, Racism, Classism, Sexism, Marxism, all celebrate Order & Authority--a pecking order of Hierarchy. These sysyems cannot function unless people fit into their slots. Now what is the basic building block that conditions us for our role in life? Is it not the family? The "Family" cuts us off from each other and from developing a sense of community with others that might be "different" from ourselves. And in so doing a social unit is created whose closed environment is conducive to the teaching of white supremacy and patriarchy covertly or overtly, classism, capitalism, nationalism, etc. You name it. The family gives us our filters to interpret the information we receive from the mass media that is predominately controlled by the "system". What a setup!

I look around and I see people of all ages in rebellion, in one form or another against the Family. Many younger people are creating their own culture of music, dress, beliefs, etc. They are in rebellion against the shoulds and oughts and will runaway or move from their "homes" if necessary. The rebellion of parents to the shoulds & oughts, the having "to make it", the insanity of the family structure (being totally responsible for the growth of the child) often takes the form of "dysfunctional behavior" such as drugs or alcohol abuse, sexual escapades, child abuse, the battering of each other or divorce. Older folks in our society, slowed by age & physical disability, often suffer in silence. Shunted off to nursing homes or physically or emotionally battered by their children--they die to escape. Yes, I do know miracles do happen sometimes. There are people who somehow survive the inherent authoritarianism of the family structure, and seem to be fairly well adjusted humyn beings. Well, George Bush seems to be a "good family man", loving father & grandparent, devoted husband, etc. Yet there are places in

his mind so desensitized to the feelings & needs of others, that this man, imbued with the "virtues" of family, patriotism, patriarchy, and authoritarianism, has found it easy to slip into the bureaucratic mindset; and with this "mind" encourage the torture and murder of other human beings, and the trading of drugs for arms--as the illustrious Chief of the CIA and as President of these "United States". Sick! Sick! Sick! Violence & Mental Illness. This is the progeny of the Family!

Yes, as an anarchist communist, I say there are alternative ways that we can live together in cooperation & liberty. History is replete with examples. And as a father and member of a family I am particularly interested in exploring these examples of cooperative living in future articles. However, in our next article, please join me in looking at the Family as an economic unit in the heartland of capitalism.

Bill

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What You Should Know About the RCP

Watch out for the RCP! Members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) or its affiliate, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB), may be seen trying to enlist new members and distribute their propoganda (Revolutionary Worker, Revolution, Red Flag) at high schools, colleges, punk shows, and demonstrations. They may also be seen at events sponsored by No Business As Usual (NBAU), an anti-World War III organization that they have virtually taken over. Do not let yourself be won over by their apparent sincerity and zeal. They preach a particularly violent and authoritarian sort of communism that many other communists denounce. Read the following excerpts from their official platform (New Programme and New Constitution of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA [Chicago: RCP Publications, 1981]), and decide for yourself.

NOTE: The underlines have been added for emphasis.

§ WHY THE RCP JOINED NBAU: "The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA must apply the strategic plan and principle of the united front. This means to unite under its leadership all forces that can be united against the enemy..." (114).

§ PEACE IS FOR FLUNKIES: "How can...'peaceful change' bring an end to [imperialism and its effects]?...Can anyone seriously believe that there is any way to abolish such towering evils, any way to break the stranglehold of the imperialists on society and the world except through violent revolution? Only the imperialists themselves and their allies and flunkies have an interest in holding and spreading this illusion...!" (13)

§ WORLD WAR III---A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY!: "In a world war with the Soviet Union,...[the proletariat] can only welcome the defeats suffered by its own imperialist bourgeoisie--and more,...the proletariat must utilize such defeats and the weakening of the ruling class to prepare for and finally carry out its overthrow when the opportunity ripens" (116). "[Interimperialist world war] will give rise to tremendous opportunities, including the possibility of making revolution in the U.S...." (116).

§ DEALING WITH ARTISTS---OR, RATHER, REMOLDING THEIR THINKING: "The proletariat, as it seizes power, must...move decisively to establish its domination over culture as a whole" (85). "The orientation of the proletariat with regard to professional artists in general...will be to...lead them in applying their acquired skills and talents to serve the proletarian revolution and in the process remold their style of life and their thinking..." (88-89).

§ GAY'S OKAY; THEY'RE PEOPLE TOO. WELL...MAYBE NOT: "Homosexuality...is perpetuated and fostered by the decay of capitalism...[Once the proletariat is in power], struggle will be waged to eliminate it and reform homosexuals." (77).

§ THE RCP GUIDE TO COLLEGE ADMISSION: "[After the revolution] the criteria for admission to colleges will be based first and above all on the demonstrated devotion to the revolutionary cause of the international proletariat, as determined through discussion among the masses under the leadership of the Party" (83).

§ MEET THE NEW BOSS---SAME AS THE OLD BOSS: "[The day revolution is victorious], the Party will then occupy the strategic positions of leadership in the government, the economy and society as a whole...The key levers of power will be in the hands of the Party members..." (103).

§ WHERE'S THE FREEDOM?: "[After the revolution] the basic principle applied within the Party and throughout society as a whole will not be 'pure' (that is, hypocritical and bourgeois) democracy, but democratic centralism" (94). "The individual is subordinate to the Party; the minority is subordinate to the majority; the lower level is subordinate to the higher level..." (129).

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You talk of overthrowing power with violence as your tool.
You speak of liberation and when the people rule.
Well, ain't it people right now? What difference would there be?
Just another set of bigots with their rifle sights on me!

--- Crass, "Bloody Revolutions"

THE RISING TIDE OF FRIENDLY FASCISM

"Ride the wave of the future." -- Anne Morrow Lindberg

"Catch a wave and you're sittin' on top of the world." -- The Beach Boys

What kept the Germans from foreseeing the rise of fascism and doing something about it? There must've been a point at which the tide could have been turned, but the Germans missed it and Hitler took power. Here in Amerika, we may be facing the same point.

Hitler took and kept power through violence and propoganda. His was clearly a fascist society. In Amerika, it is not so clear. So we must look carefully for the signs...

Nationalism is a key element of fascism, and it was clearly represented in Amerikan patriotism for the Gulf War. You couldn't go half a block without seeing an Amerikan flag. Yellow ribbon fever gripped the nation, yet unlike previous war support, there was no thought behind it, only pure, blind jingoism. Those who protested the war were labeled as traitors. Even though no one who took a good, clear look at the situation and the war could possibly say that the U.S. was legitimate in destroying Iraq; Hussein and the Arabs were depicted as Evil Incarnate, and before long we had victory parades to celebrate genocide.

The war was clearly a boon for our Military Industrial Complex. Fascists love strong armies, and our military can once again spend half of our GNP to develop even more implements of destruction with the people's blessings. Instead of funding education or social programs, they'll make nifty new weapons that kill from a safe, clean, sanitary distance. They will be useful in the next war, which will be coming soon, as the ruling elite have to keep the masses occupied with a good spectacle or they might get rowdy, and the War on Drugs wasn't working.

It is interesting to note that two of the first actions the Nazis made upon coming to power were outlawing flag-burning and abortions. Flag-burning was outlawed here not too long ago but the law was barely overturned by the almost-liberal Supreme Court, which has now been replaced with a court firmly entrenched to the right. If it came up again, what would happen?

The new Supreme Court has already gagged federally-funded clinics, etc. from mentioning abortion as an option to pregnant wimmin. It is also likely that it will overturn Roe vs. Wade. The days of back-alley abortions will return.

Racism also is a trademark of fascist societies. In Germany the straight, white aryan males in power persecuted just about everyone. In Amerika, the straight white and rich males own most of the corporations and hold most of the public offices, and clearly impose their will on those below them. While White Power groups grow, the poor black and latino communities are under attack. The police are an occupying force there and it is common knowledge that they brutalize people of color. The War on Drugs is being used against them. While 76% of drug-users are white, most of those who go to jail are black. In fact, blacks are filling up our jails, with 1 out of 4 imprisoned by our criminal and unjust criminal justice system. It is also true that blacks have a lesser life expectancy and are more likely to die violently than whites. For people of color, Amerika offers a choice between poverty, jail, or death.

Of course, every fascist society needs some kind of state-sponsored police force to terrorize the public and we have that here. Police brutality is on the rise. It is now coming out about how the FBI with its COINTELPRO program used violence, intimidation, and a million other methods to disrupt and destroy groups that fought for social change and/or national liberation in the sixties, seventies, <u>and</u> eighties. Anyone who thinks the FBI is not still doing this is a fool. The police, FBI, CIA, etc., love and

abuse their power, because they know they can get away with it.

The Amerikan media is firmly under control of corporations and government. Censorship, blackouts, and selective coverage are common. Amerikan artists recently barely (but not totally) repelled a wave of censorship attacks. Don't think it won't happen again. And the Gulf War showed us just how well the government controls the media, using it as a propoganda tool while blacking out anything they didn't want the public to know. We even saw Orwellian doublespeak coming out with terms like "collateral damage" to describe civilian casualties.

What is left? A fascist society is controlled by a small elite of entrenched leaders who control everything in their interest. The ruling elite of Amerika are the rich, straight, white males who are the politicians and CEO's, and money is their main weapon. Amerika very much shows all the traits of a fascist society, whitewashed, sanitized, and glamorized for public consumption. Corporate-Government tyrants control as quietly as they can and with a smiling face, but if necessary, they'll take off the gloves.

So instead of being pre-occupied with the next war, or what's on TV, or with drugs or work, or being seduced by the dream of a glamorous lifestyle, or being brainwashed by skools and media into believing the system is legitimate, we need to wake up. We need to see friendly fascism for what it is and what it will become. We need to remember Germany. We need to fight back.

Don't think that modern fascists are like Hitler or Mussolini. Today's Big Government Big Business Tyrants are just as willing to use violence. But they do it more efficiently than the old time fascists -- with higher tech and lower costs to them. They have the best looks, politicians, celebrities, and control mechanisms that money can buy. Their own conscience tells them that true democracy would be nice. But suppressing their conscience, they undermine the rights of the working and middle classes. Their operating principle is "Might, Money, Male, Murder -- and also White -- Make Right." They wreck the environment. They fool you, rule you, use you, abuse you -- and make you like it. They divide us by race, sex, class, and nationality. But they fear the power of the powerless. They're afraid of what you could do if you get off the boob tube and the drugs, out of the nightclubs and cut-throat competition -- and work with others for equal rights.

-- Bertram Gross, Friendly Fascism

In Germany they first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me -- and by that time no one was left to speak up.

-- Pastor Martin Niemoller

WE NEVER SLEEP...

by.....PUCK

WHY DIRECT ACTION?

There comes a point where you realize that letters aren't going to do the job. Or where you've taken too much and its time to fight back. Or the job just needs to get done. It is a decision the individual must make. The cost of your beliefs may be your freedom.

Direct Action is not something to rush into. If you're angry -- cool off first. Think every action through thoroughly. Be sure of the politics behind it. Select your targets carefully. Know your aims and goals. And above all -- keep your mouth shut. Security is all important. The longer you are free, the more you can do.

Direct Action is often criticised as being too extreme or violent. But what is the extreme? When a corporate eco-rapist continues to destroy the earth and nothing else will stop it -- then the only solution is direct action. When the bounds of justice have been stretched, it becomes time to act.

Violence to property is different from violence against people. Inanimate objects do not suffer. Property is a condition created by those who wished to exploit others, and it is no defence. The laws are set up to defend the property of the rich and to protect the conditions by which they exploit us and nature. They are laws to keep us under control. To protect their power structure. To keep us passive.

Physical damage also gets them where they're most vulnerable -- their profits. Money spent on repairs or extra security is less money spent on raping the earth, killing animals, or whatever their particular atrocity is.

Direct Action is also empowering to the individual. It shows that s/he can make a difference. The results are apparent and fulfilling. D.A. is a refreshing thrill away from the sterility and routine of our passive lives.

And above all, Direct Action works. Remember the Boston Tea Party!

Why Monkeywrench?

That's Why.

DISCLAIMER: The practices described herein are for curiosity's sake only. Only fools would participate or encourage others to participate in these silly mortal activities.

CHUMBAWAMBA: "We've reached a stage where we have to make a choice -- either we continue to oppose the state in the open, on its own ground...or we begin to widen our perspective on protest to include a sustained and systematic campaign of lawlessness, hit-and-run actions against the corporations and institutions of war, poverty, abuse, and enslavement...a national underground movement to smash the whole machine, bit by bit, unwatched but with a real fuck-up effect, in our towns and cities with all their manifestations of war and death and greed; its banks and its butchers and its law and its education. A movement where we all become organizers. Where we dictate our own actions, where we set our own targets, our own limits. It's up to you. Steal it. Smash it. Spray it. Break it. Glue it. Do it!"

GRAFFITI: UNDERGROUND MEDIA

A very educational form of direct action is graffiti. It is true that "the freedom of the press belongs to those who own one", and markers or spraypaint are easy to come by. As media that reaches hundreds or thousands of people is rarely available, graffiti is an effective way of getting your point out and across.

Graffiti can be done by itself or in conjunction with another action -- to leave a message. It is often necessary to leave a message otherwise the action can be construed as mere vandalism.

Markers are easy to conceal and carry around. The large-tipped markers, like the Magnum variety, work best. Markers are good for when you find yourself alone in a building with a tempting spot available. Although it is much better to do things with at least one other person watching out, it is sometimes easy and quick enough to scrawl out a quick message and leave.

Always be careful when writing the message. Don't make grammatical or spelling errors, and put it on a nice visible space, like a blank wall. Make it is big as possible. Be calm and make it legible. Plan what you are going to write before you do it and be sure your message is appropriate.

It is against the law in Chicago to carry a marker or spraypaint "with intent to deface property". However, intent is a little difficult

HERE IS YOUR BRICK BACK.

RECOGNIZE IT? YOU SHOULD.

IT IS PART OF THE WALL THAT YOU, AS ONE OF THE ELITE UPPER CLASS, HAVE HELPED BUILD BETWEEN THE MINORITY RULING CLASS AND THE MAJORITY WORKING CLASS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

BY FLAUNTING YOUR DECADENCE, YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF A TARGET.

GET USED TO IT.

SOCIAL YOUTH CHAOS - FUCK SHIT UP!

SUGGESTED DIRECTIONS: CUT ON DASHED LINE, ATTACH TO BRICK, AND THROW THROUGH WINDOW

to prove. Don't carry anything political on you (like stickers or buttons) when you plan on doing some artwork. If you're carrying spraypaint, have a good excuse and conceal it well. Wrap it up so the can doesn't shake and rattle. If you get caught, you're only facing a fine of about $25 for carrying, but you're likely to be harassed and taken for a tour of the area so the pigs can see if you've done anything. It might be beneficial to wipe spray cans clean after you've used them -- they'll sniff it to see if it's been used recently.

If you're planning on doing a little redecoration with spraypaint, always take some friends unless you're hitting a really deserted spot. Again, pick a good, appropriate, thought-out message before you write. The best slogan is short, concise, gets the point across, and can be used often. Your target should be a public wall not belonging to private individuals because you may unjustly anger them. However, there may be times when a particular corporation or individual is your target.

Select a common brand of spraypaint to use. Make sure your can is clean of fingerprints. Wear gloves, a hat, non-conspicuous clothing, and cover your face when you do it. Buy a cheap, plastic pistol-grip for the can from a hardware store. It will keep you from getting paint on yourself, you'll always know the can is pointed in the right direction, and they're easier to hold. Only bring as much paint as you will need.

When you get to the target, park a short distance away if you drove, or do a drop-off and get picked up later. Don't just stop the car and go to work. An interesting way to do it is on bicycles -- they're quick and mobile.

The best targets are in visible areas with heavy daytime traffic. Have as many lookouts as necessary. Be cautious. The best times to do it are when traffic is low but not dead -- you'll be suspicious if you're the only ones walking around an area late at night.

It is probably better not to sign your work with an individual name, tag, or initials as your work could be connected. You may wish to sign it to a group, but it is often best to stay anonymous.

It is harder to remove paint from porous materials like cement or wood, and glass is easy to clean off. It may sometimes be desirable to repeatedly hit a target after it is cleaned off. It costs them money, but it is also more dangerous.

Stencils are a good method for leaving a small message in lots of places. Linoleum works best, but cardboard is also suitable although it doesn't last long. Carry the stencil in a dark plastic bag. It is usually useful to have someone hold it for you when you spray. Always wear gloves because its easy to leave your prints on a used stencil. Note that stencils are definite evidence for "intent to deface".

1) Obtain a broom handle or other solid, strong, lightweight pole. At one end, cut out a wedge half the width of the pole.
2) Fit a flat metal bar to the remaining wood.
3) A foot from the bar (or the height of the can) attach a support clamp for the can to rest on.
4) Fit an angle bracket on each side of the pole, about 8 in. from the end for the can to fit in.
5) Tie a length of plastic coated wire to the flat metal bar (#2) and feed it through a hole in the support clamp (#3) and screw eyes attached the length of the pole. Pulling the wire will depress the nozzle and paint will spray out.

Billboard revision is a very effective way of leaving a message as well as costing advertisers money. Reverse the power of the billboard by leaving the form, but changing the content of the message. Humor is particularly effective. Sometimes billboards may not be easily accessible due to height or visibility. This leaves you two choices: Build a spray can extension rod (see the diagram) to reach higher, or trash it with paint bombs. Paint bombs can be made simply from christmas ornaments (fill with paint and tape up) or dead light bulbs (crack off the black-glass bottom, clear out, fill with paint, and tape up). Mixing a little paint thinner in gets a better splatter.

If a cop checks you out, as they often will do at night by pulling over and looking, just act casual. If you think you're going to be stopped, ditch the can if you can without being seen. If you just did something and you are approached, stay calm if you have a good story, run if you don't (in separate directions, ditching the can). If you get caught, its a misdemeanor if you do less than $300 damage. More and its a felony. So don't get caught! Keep your mouth shut, be careful, and get <u>your</u> message across.

Sitting at the bustop with nothing to do? Pick up the nearest pay phone and give these companies a ring. Every free call you make costs them money and ties up their phone lines! You can talk to them, scream at them, tell their employees to quit, or just hang up. Every dollar they have to spend on a long-distance phone call is one dollar less spent towards harming the earth, humans, or animals. Call from pay phones -- it's free and they may trace it. Come up with others to call! This list will be updated and continued each month.

Just Dial 1-800-

245-1040 Beecham--animal testing
223-5800 Bristol Myers--animal testing
558-5252 S.C. Johnson & Son--animal testing
221-4607 Colgate-Palmolive--animal testing
223-0392 Lever Bros--animal testing
535-7867 Cook County Crime Stoppers (!your call will be taped!)--Pig Hotline that gives money to snitches
633-8280 Vulcan Chemicals--MAJOR polluters
835-7268 Scott Paper--Clearcutters and polluters
354-1500 Atlantic Richfield--rainforest destruction
243-8766 Chevron--oil drilling
999-2494 Mobil--Need I say?
626-2000 General Electric--largest nuke manufacturer in the world
528-7711 GE--alternate number
528-4800 Amerikkkan Express--developing wildlife refuges
227-4669 AE--alternate number
322-1277 AE--alternate number
225-3750 AE--alternate number
554-2639 AE--alternate number
477-4552 Geneva Lakes Kennel Club--dog-racing
527-8721 John Birch Society--obnoxious anti-environment pro-corporation reactionaries
937-1800 Burger King--use beef grazed on public lands and wasteful packaging
541-6533 Dept. of Defense (careful!)--world's foremost eco-raper
872-2769 US Army Recruiting
627-4637 US Marines Recruiting
624-4321 Chemical Manufacturers Assoc. --ChemCo Polluters faking concern
638-4085 Internatl Assoc. of Chiefs of Police--Fuck the Police!

SHITLIST:

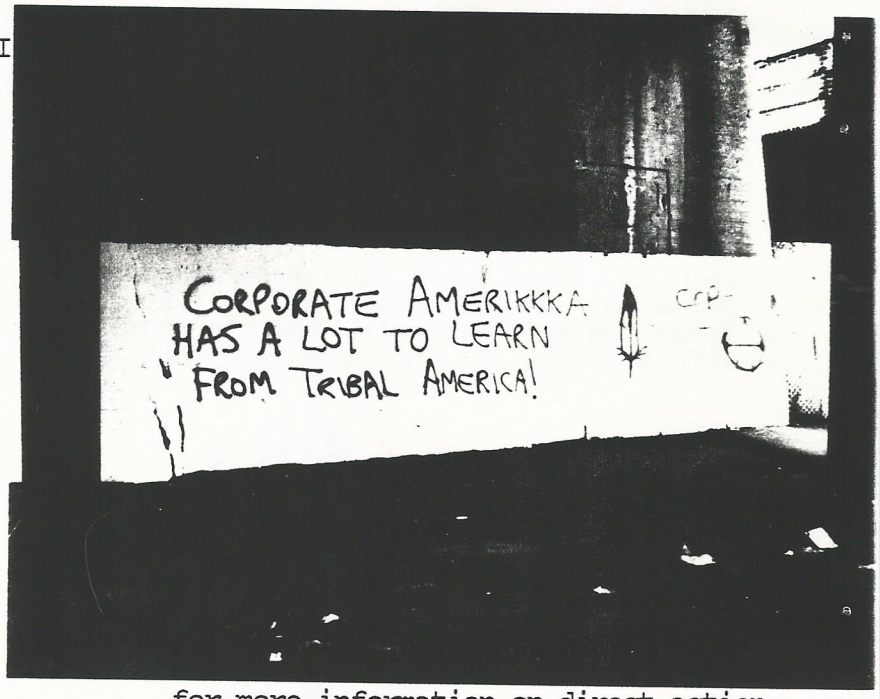
Joseph M. Scheidler, Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League.
HOME: 6347 N. Leroy Ave.
(312) 774-1030.
OFFICE: 6160 N. Cicero Ave.
(312) 777-2900.
This Jerk is anti-choice, sexist, racist, and homophobic. He has been quoted as saying: "For those who say I can't impose my morality on others, I say just watch me."

Inland Steel Industries
CEO: F.W. Luerssen
30 W. Monroe Street
(312) 346-0300
A MAJOR contributor to global pollution. They mine iron ore, quarry limestone, and produce steel.

East Fork Venture
9933 Lawler Ave., Skokie, IL 60077
(708) 673-1171
Daniel F. McCarthy (2/3 owner)
9415 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, IL
(708) 675-0743
Proposed ski development in potential Grizzly habitat in CO -- Amerikkkan Express also involved. Owners should know they can't hide, they should be held accountable for their actions.

Guardian Angels
1218 N. Wilson Ave.
(312) 784-7580
6928 N. Wayne
(312) 761-2676
The proclaimed purpose of these police-wanna-be's is to protect property. Being just thugs looking for a scrap, our communities are better off defending themselves.

Office of Intnl. Criminal Justice
Box 53, 1333 S. Wabash
Chicago, IL 60605
715 S. Wood Street, M/C 777
Chicago, IL 60612
(312)996-9267, FAX:733-3394
Richard Ward
918 S. Bishop
(312)829-9297
Dick, Head of Security at the Univ. of Ill. at Chicago (UIC), is an expert on "counterterrorism". He and the OICJ are putting on an international conference on terrorism, featuring many prominent state terrorists, Aug.19-23.



for more information on direct action, consult these sources:

Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching edited by Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood. This is the bible for serious ecoteurs and others interested in a plethora of means to fuck shit up. The section on Security is invaluable and a must for all.
Available for $14 from:
Earth First!
POB 5176
Missoula, MT 59806

An Animal Liberation Primer edited by Anu. This small pamphlet for Animal Liberation Front activists is loaded with tips for economic sabotage and the politics behind animal liberation.
Available for $2 from:
ALFSG
Box 42, 10024-82 Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T6E 1Z3, Canada

NOT RECOMMENDED: The Anarchist Cookbook. This book and its recipes are questionable. It is a waste of time and money.

FREE FOOD!

(free everything.)

save!

BIG THINGS FIT IN SMALL POCKETS!

Workers are not the only victims of capitalism. The most oppressive product of capitalism is the oppression of the products themselves. Hundreds of thousands of products are forced daily out of factories, pounded and shaped, and wrapped in heavy, excessive packaging. Products in the store are sensationalized and objectified, sold in slave markets at the profit of the capitalist entrepeneur. They are sold into slavery and exploited by the masses who take them home. Many of these goods are not even used to their full potential before being cast away to the garbage.

We encourage liberation of these oppressed goods. Paying for what you obtain only encourages this heinous and exploitive system. Go shopping without any money! FREE THE PRODUCTS! SMASH THE MARKET!

FOOD TASTES BETTER WHEN IT'S FREE!

why pay for this.

Clothes feel nicer
fit better
when you wear them
out the door of the store.

We've Trimmed Prices For You!

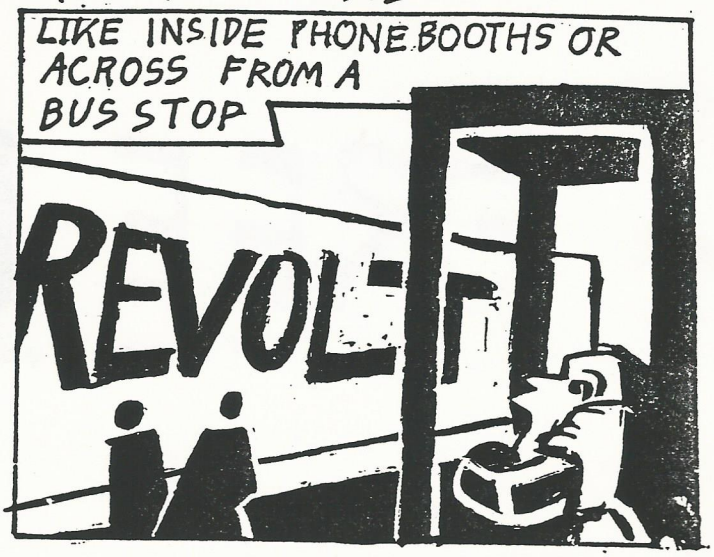
* MOLLIE *

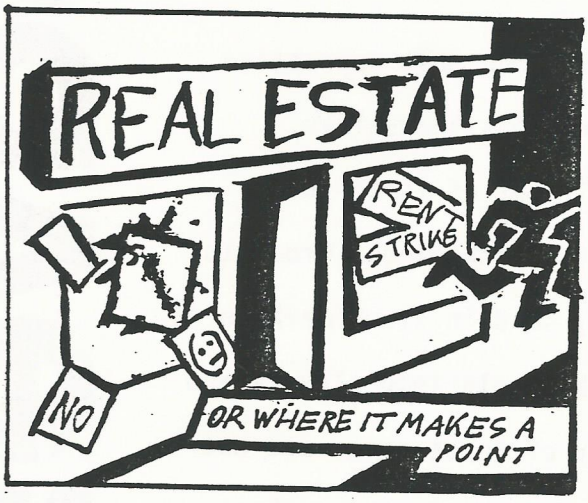
BEGINNERS

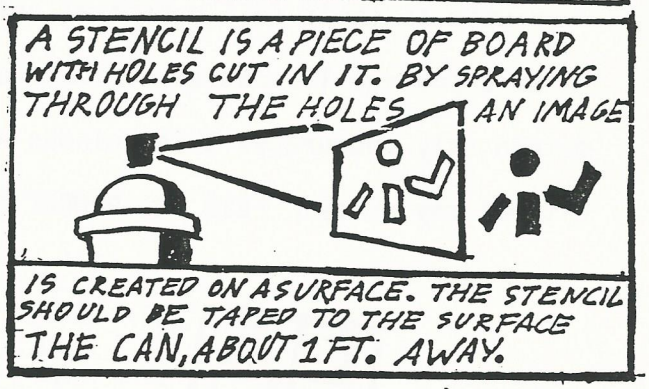
GRAFFITI-PROPAGANDA

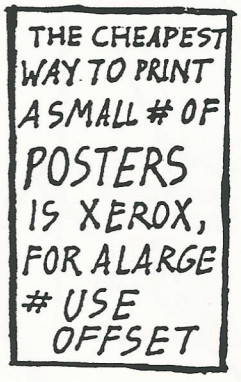
A HOW TO FOR THE FIRST OFFENDER.

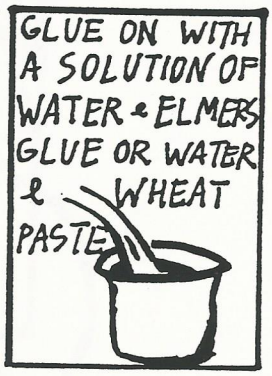
by Seth & Josh











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ONE ELSES GRAFFITI.

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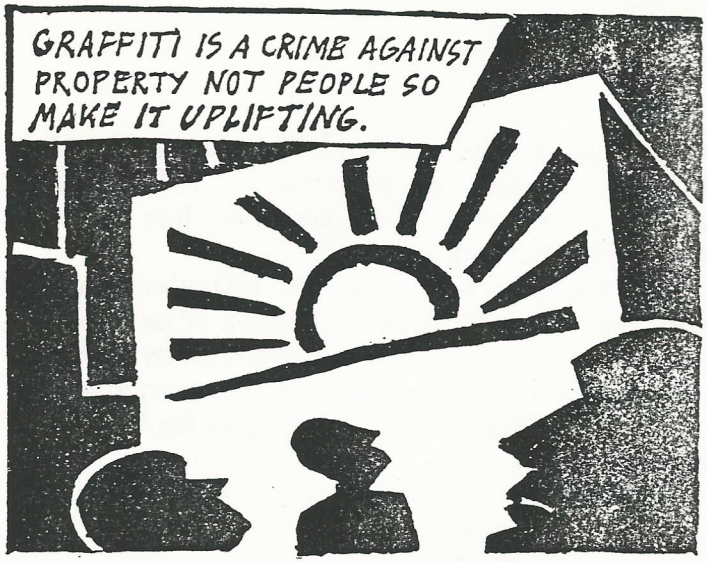
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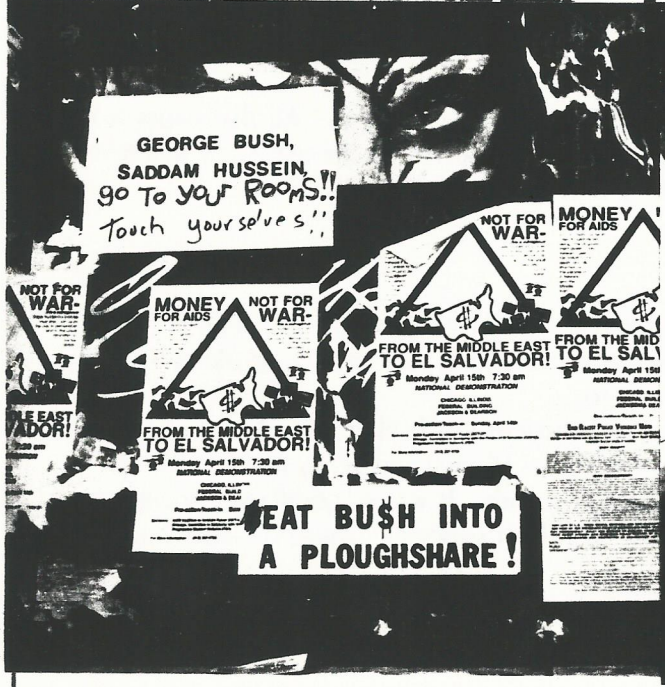
GEORGE BUSH,
SADDAM HUSSEIN,
go To your RooMS!!
Touch yourselves!!
NOT FOR WAR-
MONEY FOR AIDS
FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO EL SALVADOR!
Monday April 15th 7:30 am
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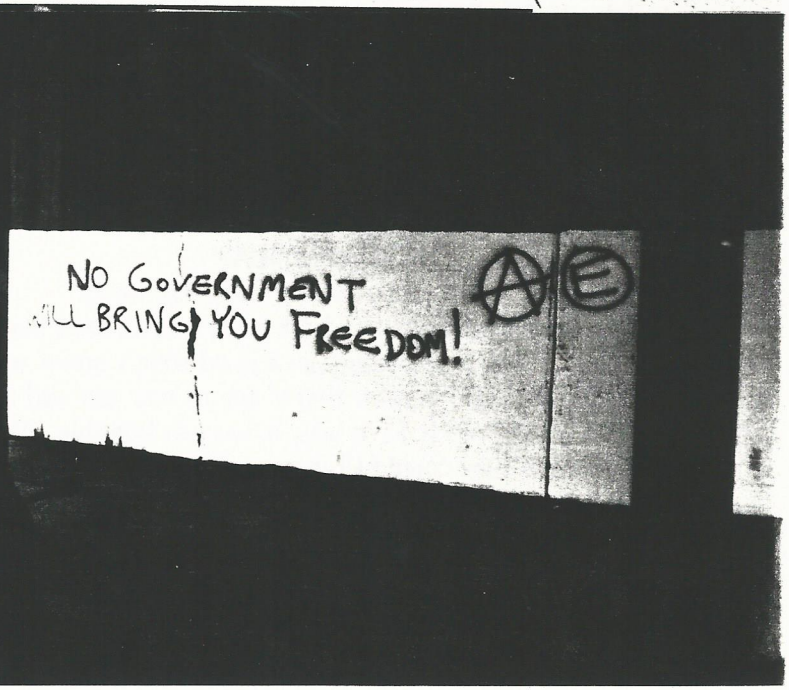
EAT BUSH INTO
A PLOUGHSHARE!


NO GOVERNMENT
WILL BRING YOU FREEDOM!

Low G♭

About a year ago some friends and I were arrested for climbing on a fire escape in the loop. We were looking for a good view of the city and so just climbed on up. Unfortunately, some people across the street reported us to the police and we were met by a squad car as we came down. They hauled us down to 11th and State and in the morning I was fransferred over to the jail on California.

I was put in a cell with about 100 other guys. When people asked me what I was in for, they usually laughed at my answer. "You weren't trying to steal a TV or nothing? Oh c'mon." We sat there for hours and hours. Finally, we all had to line up in order of the number written on the back of our hand. I was near the back of the line and had no idea where we were headed, although we were moving so slowly it didn't seem like a pressing problem.

The guy next to me looked all spacy like he was coming off of something. I decided to be social and asked him what he was busted for.

"Murder."

Oh. I was climbing on a -

"I did it, too."

Huh. You ger in a fight or something?

"No, no. Nothing like that. It was premeditated."

Huh.

"Y' see, I was a sax player. A great one. I was in a band. We were hot. Gigs every weekend. During the Jazz Festival, we'd be real busy. Do real well - money wise. My sound, man, I was real happy with it back then. When you play tenor, y'r always learning, it's always changing, but I was real happy with it. Those days, man, I knew the groove and how to make it move. Some nights, things would come flying outta my sax so fast I wouldn't know what the hell it was, but it felt great.

"Then it happened. Saturday, 2:45 in the morning on October the seventh. It happened. We were driving back from a gig at the Green Mill - me, the bass player and the per cussionist - when SLAM we get side swiped by some idiot. Bass player's gotta broken hand, percussionist's gotta concussion. As for me, all my fingers move, so I'm fine.

"Well, the band had to go on hiatus. We couldn't just replace those guys. We'd been together for years. So we decided to take a break for three months while they healed up. But that meant getting a day job. Y' don't build up a savings account doing local gigs. Let me tell y' that kid.

"I called around, but jobs are pretty few and far between these days as y' probably know. Everyplace was the same thing, ten or twenty people applying for one low-paying job. Eventually I called up one of those temporary agencies. They gave me some sporadic work, but I was looking for some long term gigs 'cause I was pretty broke. When y'r not playing on the weekends, you go our playing on the weekends - if y' know what I mean.

"So when the temporary agency asked if I wanted to work a job for two months, I thought - Perfect. But the end of the job, the band'd be playing again and I'd be done with this 9-5 world with cash to spare. I guess I shoulda known if wouldn't work. Shoulda known it'd fuck me over good."

What kind of office was it, I asked him.

"Oh, I don't know. Maybe advertising or marketing, PR something. I pushed paper around. All that paper is the same no matter what they call it. When y' start thinking that there's something really written on 'em that's any different from all the other pieces of paper, then y've really gone crazy, man. Then y've lost."

So what was the problem?

"Have you ever hearn of WNUA?"

Uh, no. Is that some kind of computer thing?

"Y' musta been born under a lucky star or something, kid. It's a radio station. Now granted, the music in offices if bad. Period. Y're at work so even a good song's gonna sound bad. And most offices will play Lite 93 or oldies 102 or E-Z 1000. The usual bullshit that y' try to tune out and not pay attention to.

"But WNUA 95.5. It was, it was just horrible. They call it jazz - so I thought I'll check it out. And it was wretched. How they could call it jazz I don't know. Everything sounded the same - all high and whiny and smooth. It was smooth - the dj kept saying that over and over again - smooth jazz, smooth sounds. It was so goddamned soulless - like no one was in the recording studio when they recorded it. And for two months it smoothly droned on from 9 to 5, five days a week."

"When my two months were up, I was so happy to live - to never hear that shit again. But that's when the real trouble starts. The band is playing together again, just practicing for some gigs we got lined up. And every time I pick up that tenor saxophone, the groove isn't there. It's like my hands are made outta concrete. But I figure, when I get up on that stage, in front of some people, that's all I need and it all will come running back.

"So we're at the Green Mill. Our "Premier Return Engagement," as they billed it. Real big boisterous bouncin' crowd. It's gonna be a great show. We started the set off with "Bronze Age" - our signature piece. It's a stompin' one by the trumpeter, who starts it and then in whacks the drummer and a racing bass line.

"Then I come in - and the groove's still gone. My solo is for shit - when I'm finished there's not a single bit of nothing out there. One big collective blank stare. Next song is Ornette's "Chronology" and I'm still not there. The crowd is getting restless. We get to the last song of the set. It's the most screaching thing I ever wrote - "Harmonic Disconvergence." I get to my solo - in 13/8 time - and outta my saxophone, comes the smoothest jazz you ever heard. That's the only word to describe it, man - smooth. Smooth, smooth, smmmoooooth.

"They booed me."

No.

"Yeah. Literally booed me off the stage. After the set, the other guys in the band fired me - on the spot. I been playing with trumpeter since we were 12, man, 12. And I'm tossed out the door. There was some young hot-shot sax player in the audience. They took him into the band right there.

"So fuck them, right? I gotta name. People know me. I'll be in a new group by the end of the week. But word got around about what happened and no one's returning my phone calls. I might as well be a fuckin' leper.

"I figure I gotta keep playin' though. Gotta find that groove somewhere. So I went back to the subway platforms - when I did when I was a kid. I went and got my license for 25 bucks and took my tenor down to the Jackson stop on the Howard line - my old lucky spot.

"And the luck seemed to be working. I started off with a couple crowd pleasers - recognizable stuff, and then started a few of my own. People are digging it. My case if filling up with not coins but bills, man. And I'm getting applause, which is hard on a subway platform, let me tell y'. I got to the end of a particularly good version of "The Meaning of Jazz" by Duke and this guy came up to me all smiles and dropped a five into my case.

"You're really great," he said. I thank him and he said, this is a quote now: Anyone ever tell you that you sound just like Kenny G?"

Oh my god, you killed him right there on the platform?

"No, man. I split. Dropped the five in a blind lady's cup and went home. Ruined. I felt like my life was gone. There just was no point in ever picking up that sax again. Just no point.

"So I decided to get revenge on the person responsible. To destroy them like they destroyed me. 'Cause they had to be stopped before more harm was done. I was gonna kill the program director of WNUA and no one was going to stop me.

"The very next day I showed up at their offices and asked for the program director. The receptionist said, "Oh, you mean our Musical Conceptualizer? He's busy right now in a profits visualization seminar."

"I told her I was Kenny G's manager, and she took me right into his office. And then I did it."

Did you have a gun?

"No, a soprano sax."

A soprany saxophone?

"I thought it would be fitting. Heh, heh."

Did you hit him with it?

"No."

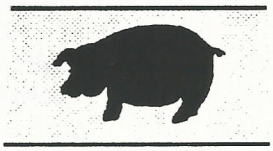
You didn't...

"I never thought y' could play a not that low on one of those saxes. But like I said, when y're playing the sax y're always learning."

by Dave Bifurcate

TAKE YOUR DESIRES FOR REALITY

Dictators at home. Richard Ned Lebow reviews the last volume of Khrushchev's memoirs in *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (May): "At dinner parties [Stalin] would routinely get drunk and fling food at his guests. Terrified, they would sit, dripping vegetables and sauce, pretending that nothing had happened."



Third Prize: Danger Club invites you to **Overthrow the Government!** Package includes one-way airfare to a major international city (you must hijack the plane to your special destination!), four days in a secluded concrete bunker (complimentary breakfast included), your choice of the latest fully automatic weapons and $500 spending money.

OPEN LETTER TO AIDS ACTIVISTS
by sprite

AIDS is a touchy issue, one that has affected many peoples lives. It is filled with emotion and grief. Many People-With-Aids and AIDS activists have fought hard and done a lot of work around finding a cure. Yet there is an issue related to AIDS research that has remained untouched so far. The issue is the use of animals in AIDS research.

I do not know exactly how much testing of AIDS treatments is done on animals, but I know that it is done, and often. This is an issue that I feel AIDS activists need to think about and address. I understand that ACT UP-Chicago has not discussed this, but I do not know if other ACT UPs or other groups have ever discussed this and rejected it, or if they have simply never brought it up, decided to ignore it, or missed it completely. But in my mind, by missing this issue, they have become an accomplice to the crime. If they're not part of the solution...

This is not just an ethical issue (although "speciesism" is often downplayed and ignored) but a scientific one. The Corporate-Medical Establishment claims that animal research is a necessary part of their testing procedures, but the truth is far different. Because the results of tests on one species cannot be accurately applied to any other species, animal research is nothing but scientific fraud. Animals simply do not have the same physiology as humans so treatments tested on them cannot be extrapolated to humans. For example, Guinea pigs can eat strychnine, which is poisonous to humans, but penicillin kills them. The anesthetic chloroform is highly toxic to dogs. Arsenic, deadly to humans, can be swallowed in large quantities by sheep. There are many other examples like this, and they all show animals are not comparable to humans, that drugs affect humans and animals differently, and that the tests themselves are easily affected by things such as the animal's diet, its environment, the time of year, its sex, age, etc. Research "scientists" and companies use animals for three reasons: getting grant money, protecting themselves from lawsuits, and to fool the public into believing a product is safe.

On the ethical front, what gives humans the right to kill other species? Animals experience fear, loneliness, and other emotions, and will fight to protect their offspring, lives, and freedom. Medical research on animals is often done without anesthetic, and can cause great stress, fear, pain, and ultimately, death. To the researchers, being humane means more money. Speciesism is no different from racism or sexism. We are denying basic rights to other beings because they are different from our own.

I anticipate that many AIDS activists will say it is not significant enough an issue, or that human lives are more important. This is just more of the same, ingrained, anthropocentric attitudes that have been needlessly torturing and killing animals for years. The Corporate-Medical Industry is second only to the Meat Industry when it comes to killing and torturing animals. We are talking billions a year. And when it comes down to it, animal research is a crime against humans too. The scientists know that they don't know how a drug will affect a human until a human tries it, yet they tell us drugs are OK because they tested OK on animals. So who are the real guinea pigs? YOU ARE. After billions of lives and dollars over the past years, unnecessary and inconclusive animal research has done nothing to further medical science. Heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, the leading killers of humans, are still on the rise. While knowing that 95% of heart disease is a result of diet, the medical industry still pushes drugs and surgery instead of prevention. 15,000 new drugs are put on the market every year, while 12,000 are pulled off the market every year because they turn out to be unsafe. Some do devastating damage, like the drug Thalidomide, which was tested safe on animals and then given to pregnant wimmin, causing their children to be born with birth defects. And there are many more examples like this.

Knowing this, it is a fallacy for AIDS activists to believe that animal research will prove a drug safe for humans before humans have tried it. Animal testing does nothing at all for AIDS research except cost more lives, animal and human.

This an issue directly relating to all people, who are being lied to and used by an industry that cares about

nothing except its own perpetuation. Healthiness is mostly due to diet, environment, and exercise, yet the medical industry concentrates on keeping us pumped with more and more drugs. That is, if you have insurance and can pay them lots of money. The Hippocratic Oath has become the Hypocrite Oath.

If AIDS activists (or anyone) really want to save lives, and I know they do, they should be saving human and animal lives. They should demand that animal research not be used in testing for new AIDS drugs. They should increase their demands for more efficient, reliable research and the promotion of alternative methods and treatments for healing. AIDS activists and patients have nothing to gain through animal research, but they have much to lose. It is in everyone's interest that we no longer accept animal testing as reasonable or valid. And it is not an issue to be ignored any longer.

"The time will come when men such as I look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

Leonardo da Vinci

DIFFERENT HANDS

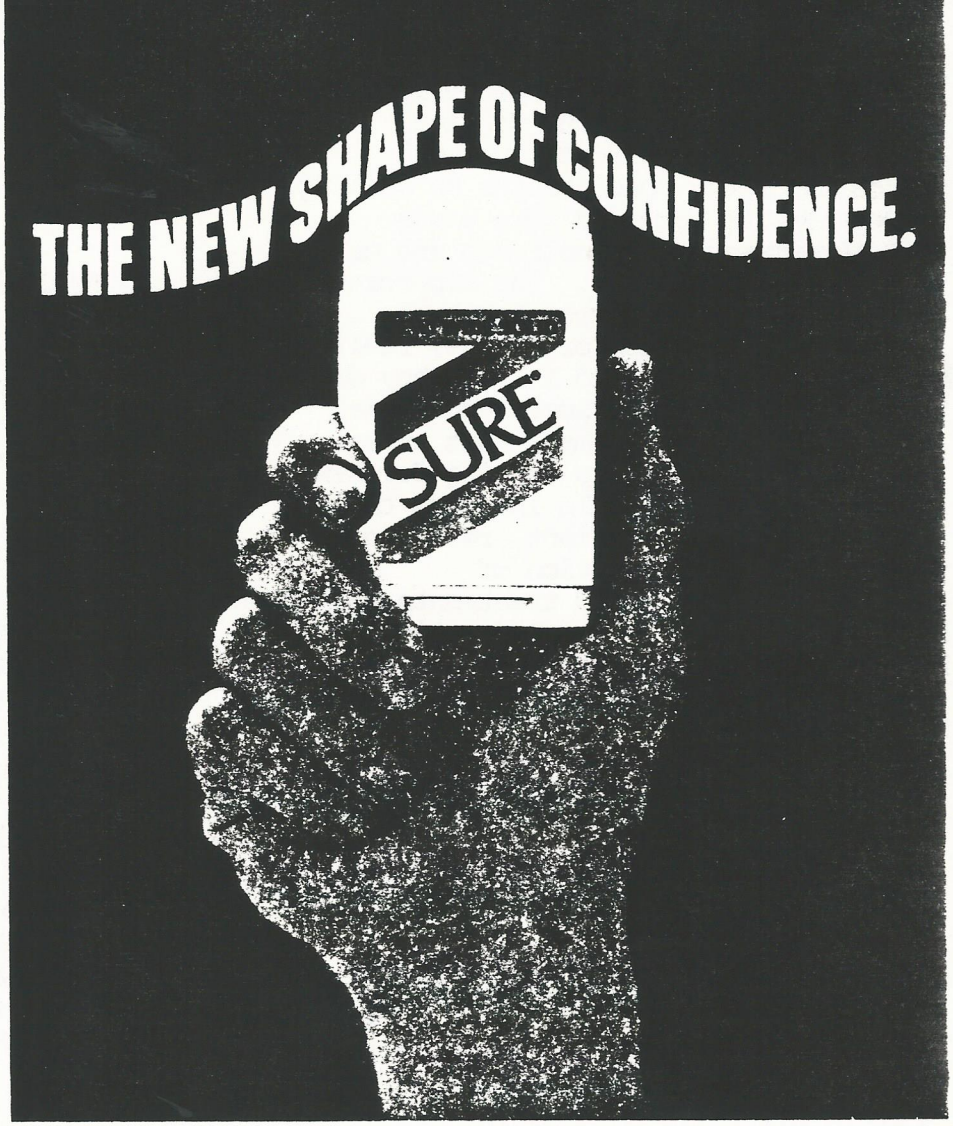
by abra bompland

The clack traffic,
a thousand dusts, caramba.
Señoritas shade chicago
in gloves, finger the sun,
their sweeps of palms forgotten
in the knuckled blocks
of the barrio.
Managing upward, each step a footmark
collapsible into rust, you talk
about ending the morning
in bed, the clean light fluffed up
with dust and a thousand
carambas. Pictures of palms lie
so thick on the sheets that
while fingering you, my shade
is ribbed in a thousand grapples
of knuckled bark. Señoritas strain
the light through stairway's windows.
I hear them clutter
their treads, their four stories
exciting a mumble of traffic,
their gloved touches tracing
cords of dust and palm.

WHY BI?

Because most of us are (love that bell curve)
Because almost no one knows it/admits it/says it/tells their children they might be
Because skin is skin and people are individuals
Because your gender has nothing to do with my sexuality
Because my gender has nothing to do with your sexuality
Because I strive for androgyny
Because I am the person I plan to spend my life with
Because love matters more than genitalia
Because I'm trying not to objectify your body
Because intimacy can subjectify our bodies
Because my sexual orientation is not determined by whom I am currently sleeping with (or we'd be sexless when celibate -- and anyone who has known unrequited lust or auto-eroticism knows that's a lie)
Because I can't keep switching from one intolerant community to another (from gay to straight and back) to accommodate the existent social meaning of my current relationship
Because the dualistic way things are is repressive, repressed, and half-dead most of the time
Because the next generation shouldn't grow up feeling abnormal, alienated, or insane simply because they feel desire and love
(And because I did)
Why bi? Because I am, and I've known it as long as I can remember
Why not.

Stella



Why Capitalists Want To Sell You Deodorant

Nada

1) Body smells are erotic and sensual. Capitalists don't like that because they are impotent and opposed to all manifestations of sensuality and sexuality. Sexually-awakened people are potentially dangerous to capitalists and their rigid, asexual system.

2) Body smells remind us that we are animals. Capitalists don't want to be reminded of that. Animals are dirty. They eat things off the ground. They are openly sexual. They don't wear tuxedos or corsets or have their hair done.

3) Body smells are unique. Everyone has her own body smell. Capitalists don't like individuality. There are millions of body smells but only a few deodorant smells. Capitalists like that.

4) Deodorants are harmful. Many capitalists like that because they are always looking for new illnesses to cure. Capitalists love to invent new medicines. Medicines make money for them and win them prizes. They also cause new illnesses so that they can invent even more medicines.

5) Deodorants cost you money. Capitalists are especially pleased about that.

6) Deodorants hide the damage that capitalists' products cause to your body. Eating meat and other body pollutants sold by capitalists makes you smell. Wearing pantyhose makes you smell. Capitalists don't want you to stop wearing pantyhose or eating body pollutants.

7) Deodorant-users are insecure. Capitalists like insecure people. Insecure people don't start trouble. Insecure people also buy room freshners, hair conditioners, and makeup.

8) Deodorants are unnecessary. Capitalists are very proud of that and they win Marketing awards for it.◆

Disarm Authority—
Arm Your Desires!

Proposal for organizing a

BOYCOTT OF THE 1992 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

In less than a year the Republican and Democratic campaigns for President of the U.S. Empire will be in full swing. King George will be a candidate, likely to win of course, running against another white male from the same class and representing basically the same interests. Presidential elections are one of the biggest spectacles used by the ruling class to dupe people into believing that this system is democratic, and for that reason they need to be exposed and resisted.

As '92 approaches more and more people are feeling shut out by the two main parties, but because the range of discussion has been so narrow, many good activists may be co-opted back into the elections via the "Third Party". The Third Part option is being discussed seriously in the National Organization of Women (NOW), the Rainbow Coalition, and by the head of the Oil, Atomic, and Chemical Workers. If there is not an organized boycott, the trap of the Third Party may be the main way opposition is registered in '92.

Usually around election time some anarchist graffiti goes up and maybe some leaflets get distributed. If we are going to make a boycott have any sort of impact it will take much more. We propose:

o A broad coalition be built around simple opposition to the '92 elections that will come up with some slogans, leaflets, etc.

o The coalition should seek mass visibility for the Boycott, including spraypainting, large posters, and handbills. The coalition should also organize locally to disrupt any rallies for the Rep. and Dem. candidates with heckling, banners, and where appropriate, more militant methods. The coalition should attempt to organize mass rallies and demonstrations at the Dem. and Rep. Conventions.

o So that the coalition does not become entirely media-centered, it should organize forums, meetings, and rallies at colleges, working class neighborhoods, women's centers, and other places tied to communities that would be likely to support the Boycott. A strong effort should be made to get people involved, even (especially) if they are not members of one of the groups in the coalition.

--Revolutionary Anarchist Bowling League

"...But the ballot box is the potent factor for well-ordered oppression and exploitation. It hypnotizes its victims into the belief of political sovereignty and independence, while at the same time still firmer riveting the chains of bondage." -- Emma Goldman, Mother Earth, October 1910

13 REASONS NOT TO VOTE:

- Republican=Democrat. If you couldn't tell already, these days the differences between the parties are purely cosmetic.
- Campaigns are run by promoting the charisma of the candidate and slandering the opponent instead of addressing real issues.
- Often the choices we are given (out of how many Amerikans?) aren't good enough, and we are subjected to choosing the lesser of two evils.
- Most politicians are rich, straight, white males: by voting you support a classist, racist, sexist, and heterosexist unjust system.
- In a society where Money=God, politicians are firmly under the influence of corporations, not the people.
- No one keeps their campaign promises, no one represents your interests, no one should run your life.
- If voting could change the system, it would be against the law.
- Reformism--changing the system from within--is a hopeless cause. Those who have power will not readily surrender it.
- Any person in power is oppressive--by voting you give someone free reign to control your life.
- Voting gives you the illusion of power and choice--as if you are making a difference--when in reality it is an expression of powerlessness.
- Because the principle of government--whereby we turn over to a small group of people the right to make decisions for all of us, and to enforce them with force--is inherently wrong. Such a system invites abuse, and thrives on inequity and oppression. Government is a criminal enterprise--and all of us are its victims.
- By voting you reaffirm support of a system that kills and maims more people every year than have been victimized by all the murderers and terrorists over the last century.
- Refusing to vote is the first step in taking control of our own lives.

WHAT YOU CAN DO INSTEAD

- Become aware of your own oppression (ie., the boss oppressing the worker, patriarchy oppressing the woman, white domination oppressing the black, etc.).
- Learn ways to fight what oppresses you.
- Become skeptical of the media--don't believe the hype.
- Think for yourself.
- Question authoritarian tendencies (bossiness, manipulation, aggression) in yourself and in others. Work towards cooperation and mutual aid instead of domination.
- Organize with others within your community, workplace, elsewhere. Form ideas for participatory and democratic decision-making processes. Form groups wherein what is involved is coordinated by the people involved.
- Promote open discussion--fight apathy.
- Promote free speech, creativity, and new ideas. Become more open to them and speak out yourself.
- Think progress and change, not routine and stagnation.
- Support direct action solutions.

The Queer Nation Party
(and we do mean PARTY, sister)
Knows This Election Is Gonna Be A Drag...
So We Decided to Make It A Real Drag

Queer Nation Chicago Endorses
JOAN JETT BLAKK
FOR PRESIDENT

ELECTIONS ARE A JOKE
WE'RE MAKING THIS ONE A GOOD JOKE

Compare the Candidates:
George Bush says: "I, ah, uh, (choke, cough)..." (thyroid attack).
Jay Rockefeller says: "Old money rules."

JOAN SPEAKS "OUT" ON THE ISSUES
(Her "platform on platform heels")

issue	Joan
Defense:	"Hire Dykes on Bikes."
Police Brutality:	"Hire Dykes on Bikes...or outlaw donuts."
Housing:	"Give everybody a house."
Unemployment:	"Give everybody a job."
Abortion:	"Whose body is it?' And how dare any man have an opinion on abortion?"
The Environment:	"Whose body is it?"
Foreign Policy:	"Bring me some foreigners--we'll talk. I'll show you MY foreign policy. Bring me some Swedes, some Dutchboys..."
Lesbian and Gay Rights:	"That's an issue?! I thought it was a GIVEN."
Congress:	"Hire Dykes on Bikes."
The Supreme Court:	"Diana, Flo, and Mary need a new gig. They've been Supremes for years now...and they look Great in long black dresses."

"I promise to be the prettiest president EVER, and that ain't a hard promise to keep." Joan Jett Blakk, Mayor of Gay Chicago

Joan thinks elections in this country stink.

But she wants you to make this one special.

Fore more information and to be a part of Joan's national campaign, contact Queer Nation Chicago at PO Box 166, 606 W. Barry, Chicago, IL 60657
or contact one of the 32 Queer Nation Chapters located in cities across the U.S. Why have a plain old president in the oval office when you could have a queen?

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in with bruises separated skin torn from my skull revealing
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the necessary pressure it will take to pull and mend my broken
flesh my body recoils againand again from the nails that
try to claw and scratsh at my breasts and belly i writhe
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replay i am hated over and more thrashed and beaten for
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STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST ~~WOMEN~~ WIMMIN!

Violence stalks wimmin in Amerikkka today. No womyn can feel truly secure, no matter what her age or where she lives. Walking down the street...going to work...parking their cars...taking the el...even in their own homes. It is a terrible but undeniable fact: All Wimmin have experienced the terror.

The wave of violence against wimmin in this country is not media hype or paranoia, it is a hard, appalling statistical fact:

*** Every 6 minutes a womyn is raped in the U.S.

*** Every 15 seconds a womyn is beaten by her husband or partner.

*** In the past 10 years, the incidence of rape has risen four times faster than the total crime rate.

*** 1 out of 3 wimmin will be raped during her lifetime.

*** More than one-half of all homeless wimmin are fleeing domestic violence.

*** More than one-half of all Amerikkkan wimmin will be victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence in their lifetimes.

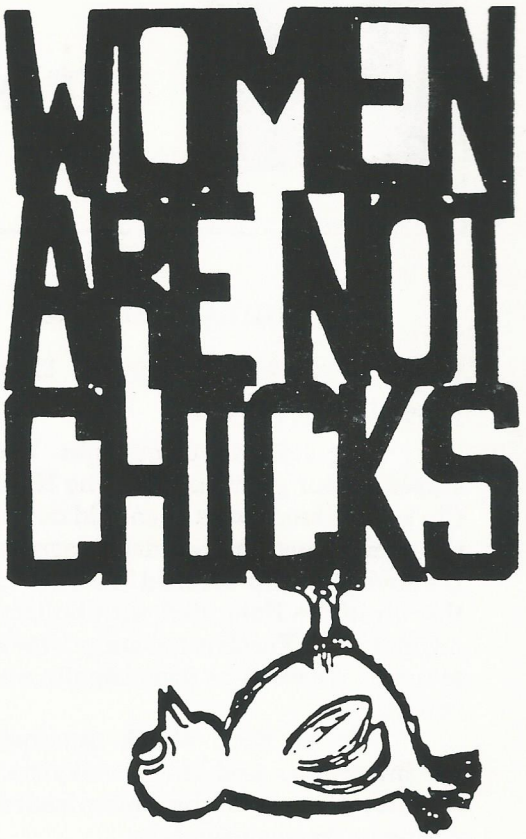
The hidden tragedy of violent assaults against wimmin is that the vast majority of these crimes go unreported, uninvestigated, and unpunished.

And...worst of all...when wimmin victims of violence do reach out for help, particularly from the "justice" system, they frequently find that the system fails to offer the help they need.

Why? For far too long, male politicians, judges, and police officers have ignored these horrifying facts. They've done too little, or worse yet, contributed to the problem while thousands of wimmin are raped, brutalized, and murdered.

It's time for an unprecedented feminist campaign to demand a stop to this violence by empowering wimmin. Misogyny, sexism, and patriarchy itself need to be confronted and smashed wherever they appear, whether in sexist advertising campaigns, movies and comics glorifying violence to wimmin, date-raping boys-next-door, or the inner family where much violence occurs. It's time to wake Amerikkka, land of prejudice, oppression, and apathy, up from its slumber and mobilize wimmin (and men) to take the offensive.

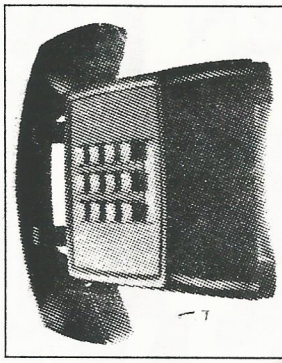
Through education and action men must become aware of and challenge their own attitudes and wimmin must become self-empowered to effectively destroy their own oppression. It's your move...



ONE WOMAN DIES EVERY 3 MINUTES WORLDWIDE FROM A BOTCHED ILLEGAL ABORTION

Take direct action for free, safe, legal abortion

HELP DEFEND THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S MEDICAL CENTER FROM ANTI-CHOICE PROTESTORS EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 7-12 am AT THE CORNER OF WESTERN AND DIVERSEY.



A FUNNY THANG HAPPEN'D ON THE WAY TO THE REVOLUTION

Kedzie Throop

A funny thing happened on the way to the Revolution.

We did everything right. We stayed on our guard against the New Cheka. We knew we'd been sold down the river, fucked, broken, driven across the land, betrayed, stabbed in the back, thrown in the Hole, shot with bullets meant for the Fascists too many times to count. We won't be fooled again, we vowed.

So we Kept Watch. Against the infiltrators and the Trotskyists. Against the would-be commissars posing as freedom-fighters.

Good thing, too. Because we found them. We knew we would.

After that, it was the Good Fight. We denounced them to everyone who would listen, and everyone who wouldn't. A plan was drawn up. Not a Formal Plan: Organization and structure are inherently statist. So a Casual Plan.

This was the Casual Plan: Infiltrators and Trots to be Shouted At if they Showed their Noses.

It wasn't enough. Such measures never are. They continued to draw the naive and unsuspecting into their web of lies. At each treacherous turn, we were there, Shouting the Truth, the Only Truth, of Freedom. As always, people simply didn't know any better.

We knew what was best. We were for Freedom. We'd taken the time the study Freedom. We'd read the Books.

The infiltrators forever talked about the "future" and "action." We knew the Truth, the Sacred Truth, was to be found in the Past.

The infiltrators spoke of "youth." We knew only Famous Dead People could be trusted.

People simply cannot be trusted to know what is Best for them. We understood this.

Thus our Plan of Shouting was insufficient. When people listen to the infidels, and not to the Shouting of the Truth, they are not to be trusted. They will one day turn on the True, the Only True, Freedom Fighters.

Knowing this, anticipating the inevitable formation of the New Cheka, we took the necessary Steps to safeguard the Future.

We upped the ante.

We dogged their every move. We became as their shadow. We lurked in doorways, we lingered under the eaves. We made a list. We Checked it Twice.

It was up to us, and Us Alone, to stop the New Elite, the would-be Vanguard, in its tracks.

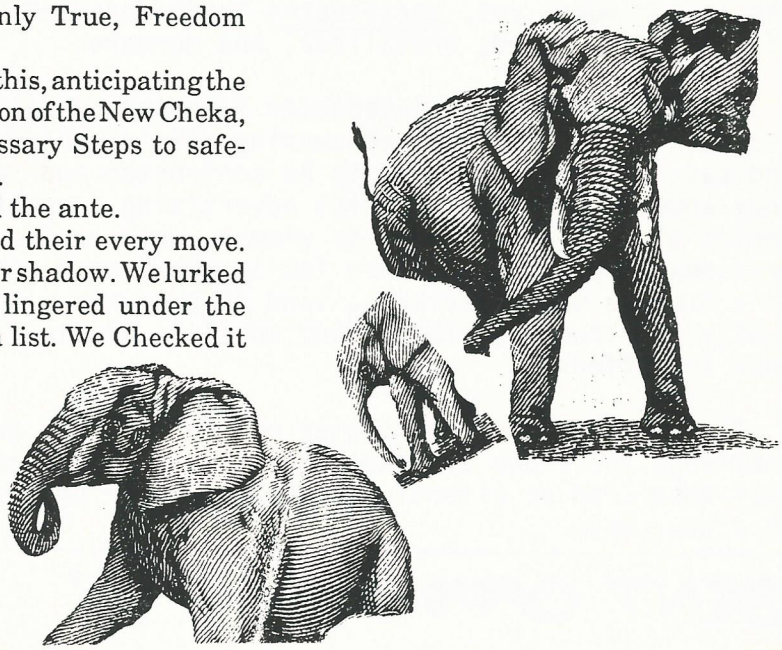
Disposing of the infidels was easy enough. We oppose prisons. Prisons are the tool of the State.

A funny thing happened on the Road to the Revolution.

The Road now seems to stretch longer and farther into the Future than ever it did before. Looking down the Road, anything beyond the Calendar section in the *Reader* is obscured in a mist.

But the Past is clear to us.

The Past is all that can be trusted, anyway. We, alone, have learned from the Past.



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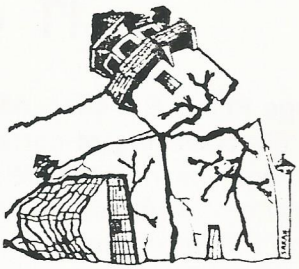

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Robots and remote controlled-doors at the newest Federal prison under construction will deny prisoners any routine human contact, according to official documents.

The prison, in Florence, CO, will surpass current psychological-torture efforts at Marion (IL) Federal Prison, and in control units at other prisons, activists assert.

"Florence will be a new and improved Marion," the Chicago-based Committee to End the Marion Lockdown says. CEML quotes a Bureau of Prisons functionary.

"Marion learned from Alcatraz, and now we've had 30 years to learn from Marion," said Russ Martin, project manager for Florence, according to CEML.

Marion opened in 1963, the year Alcatraz closed.

In 1983, following separate, fatal stabbings of two guards, authorities confined to prisoners to solitary cells and began a prolonged behavior-modification experiment, according to prisoners and activists.

In contrast to most state and Federal prisons, where cell doors are open for much of the day, Marion locks prisoners in their cells for 23 hours a day.

Television sets substitute for human company, and guards are said to enforce unwritten rules to demoralize prisoners.

Marion holds a high proportion of political prisoners, class war prisoners, and prisoners of war from national liberation movements.

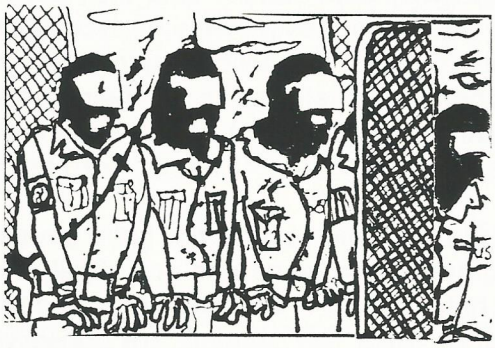
Since the lockdown began, Marion has been the only "maxi-maxi-security," or "level 6," prison in the Federal system. The Federal government classifies its prisons by number.

Authorities hope Florence will join Marion as the second level 6 prison. Ground was broken at the construction site July 14, 1990. The prison is scheduled to open in 1992.

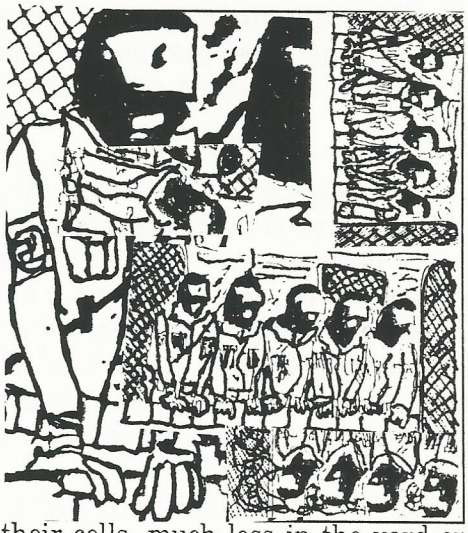
Marion is also used to coerce submission from social prisoners throughout the system.

"Marion is like an anchor dragging the whole rest of the prison system down with it," Jan Sussler, of the People's Law Office in Chicago, says. Prisoners who file "too many" lawsuits, or insist on practicing Islam or Native religions, for example, may be transferred from state or Federal prisons to Marion. Other prisoners appear to be rotated through Marion randomly, to spread the word about its threat.

As the authorities refined sensory-deprivation techniques, CEML's Mariel Nanasi explained, Marion's 60s-era physical construction proved constraining. If completed, Florence will deny prisoners *any* routine human contact: Robots will bring meals to prisoners in their cells, and guards will herd individual prisoners along corridors with PA speakers, surveillance cameras, and remote-controlled doors.



Further, prisoners will be unable to shout to each other from cell to cell, as they do in some units at Marion, because Florence's cells will have solid-front doors rather than barred doors. "These guys will never be out of their cells, much less in the yard or anywhere around here," the city manager of Florence, CO, told the local press to assure concerned citizens.



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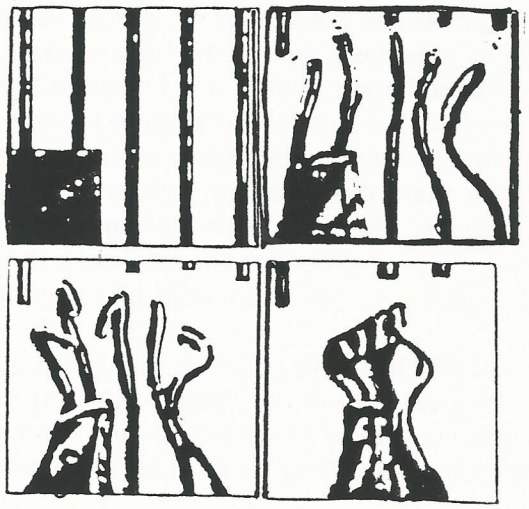

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE (no fooling)

Chicago Police Superintendent Le Roy Martin, upon returning from a visit to China, told the press that he would favor the curtailing of certain constitutional rights in order to fight crime here in Chicago. He gave examples of how the police in China are able to keep criminal activity so low there, and seemed interested in applying the same tactics here. Apparently, Mr. Martin doesn't know that his goons in blue already apply similar tactics that stretch beyond the boundaries of our supposed rights under the constitution, and already closely resemble the tactics of police in China. Those arrested at demonstrations are often done so by officers who have removed their badges to avoid being cited for brutality, which they engage in regularly and unashamedly. It is not unusual for CPD officers to start arresting and brutalizing demonstrators indiscriminately. Once in jail, the accused is subject to routine harassment and attempts at psychological torture, if not out-and-out psychological torture. One can be routinely kept in lock-up for 24 hours deprived of food, outside contact, or even medical care in the case of broken extremities (under the guise of "we need to wait until the suspect's fingerprints clear"). One can be held for 48 hours in lock-up prior to habeas corpus taking effect. Twenty-four hours under the conditions in the 11th floor lock-up at 11th and State (a notorious holding facility at the CPD HQ) are maddening and torturous enough; the glaring fluorescent lights on 24 hours a day, the incessant noise of officers talking and laughing it up without regard to time of day, the vermin scurrying across the floor, these conditions combining to deprive one of sleep... To the powers that be, it's all part of the punishment process. The reality that this treatment articulates is that one is guilty until proven innocent, no matter which state one lives in, Illinois or China.

The implications of Mr. Martin's comments are that he exposes the role of the police for what it really stands for: state repression. This should come as no surprise to those of us who have looked beyond the spectacle of the police as those who "serve and protect the safety of the people in the interest of peace." This comment also comes at a time when portions of Representatives Newt Gingrich's infamous Omnibus Crime Bill-which proposes the suspension of certain constitutional rights in the name of the War on Drugs-are being added to other bills as riders.

As much as the state is reviled by anarchists, we who live under this specific state are threatened just like anyone else the state aims its crosshairs at: the poor, the non-white, the working class. Before this starts to sound like a Marxist polemic or a legalistic appeal, let me introduce the bottom line: the powers that be, specifically Le Roy Martin and his ilk, want to make it easier to lock people up and keep them there. In short, they are working for the creation of a police state, and they are about closer than they've ever been to achieving one right here. The state, just doing what it does in the normal course of things, dehumanizes and strips the dignity of those who live under it, and we are seeing an intensification of this dehumanization. What we have to ask ourselves is: what will be our response to this? To what end, I have suggestions. Nothing one hasn't heard somewhere before.

INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE. It's all relative to what you've been doing before to undermine the state. As the iron grip of the league of ruling-class thugs and parasites tightens, it may be that much easier to break it, as people realize what's really going on around them. The spectacle of a benevolent and democratic republic gets awfully hard to maintain when friends and loved ones of "normal people" are being disappeared.

AVOID ARREST. Whatever it takes, and whatever you do. Don't allow it, however, to render you completely inactive. Just think you actions through and be very furtive. Someone who works clandestinely or otherwise against the state is of no practical use while imprisoned. They may be well on their way to martyrdom, but it's still one less person to help smash the state. The "sitting duck" tactic of certain kinds of non-violent civil disobedience, where one intends to get arrested, does just that: it creates martyrs. Once the pigs have you at their mercy, the reality is that they literally get away with murder (and they do). It is my opinion that it is more trouble than it's worth, because no matter how good your lawyer may be, you could end up falling through the cracks of the sham they call our judicial system, especially if the police slap on false charges of assault and/or battery of an officer. Those in prison, though, aren't completely helpless as per their own situation (organizing prisoners, reading up on practical or theory, or even theorizing on one's own). Keep in mind that prison struggles, unless especially bloody, are never covered by corporate media. You don't need me to tell you why...

CONSIDER THE LEGALISTIC ANGLE. Like I've said before, the laws govern us and can have devastating impact on lives around us. You may want a comrade or a loved one out of jail or their case won in court. You yourself may want out of whatever jam. It does help to have a good lawyer as a comrade; we could sure use more lawyer-comrades. They're hard to come by since most law schools are conservative and profit-oriented and produce

profit-oriented lawyers because of the amount of debt law students accrue in order to attend these greedy institutions. Sure, a few lawyers out there are probably wannabe-bomb-throwing-radical-revolutionaries-in-their-wildest-dreams under the conservative business suit & tie, who by day work for one of the big corporate law firms. Yet you are more likely to find a sympathetic advocate at places like the People's Law Office, Chicago Legal Aid Society, and the ACLU. For your own benefit, it would also help to study and know laws pertinent to you, your situation, your activities, etc. (you know, know your enemy...) or become a lawyer yourself if you're in a position or in indecision about a path in school (there are some pretty progressive law schools out there, like the People's Law School at Antioch College in Ohio, or perhaps CUNY Law School-Queens College in Flushing, NY). As for perhaps at least keeping track of the laws being proposed to clamp down the "Noo Vold Odah" here at home, the ACLU is a good clearinghouse for said information. If your old liberal reformist instincts are crying out, it couldn't hurt to unleash them on your local U.S. representative or senator. But then again, it might not help (I won't advocate their, say, assassination...it's entirely up to you, and it still may be a woefully inefficient non-solution).

In an article in the 10 July 1991 Chicago Tribune regarding Amnesty International's survey of human rights violations), it states that:

"In China, thousands of pro-democracy protesters arrested the previous year were still detained without charge or trial. [AI] recorded 750 firing squad executions during 1990..."

This is crime-fighting, Chinese style, Mr. Martin, and damned it we're gonna let it happen here, or tolerate it anywhere.

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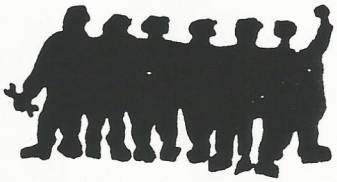

unveils the obvious: The Corporate-Military System is neither natural nor eternal; it is created by human practice and can be destroyed by revolutionary practice.

How does tyranny arise? That it comes out of democracy is fairly clear. Does the change take place in the same sort of way as the change from oligarchy to democracy? Oligarchy was established by men with a certain aim in life: the good they sought was wealth, and it was the insatiable appetite for money-making to the neglect of everything else that proved its undoing. Is democracy likewise ruined by greed for what it conceives to be the supreme good?

-- Plato, The Republic VIII 562

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weaey of the existing government, they can exercise...their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.

-- Thomas Jefferson

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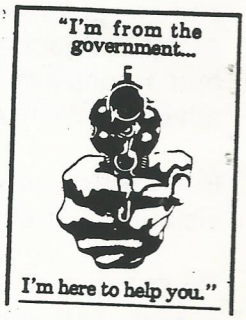
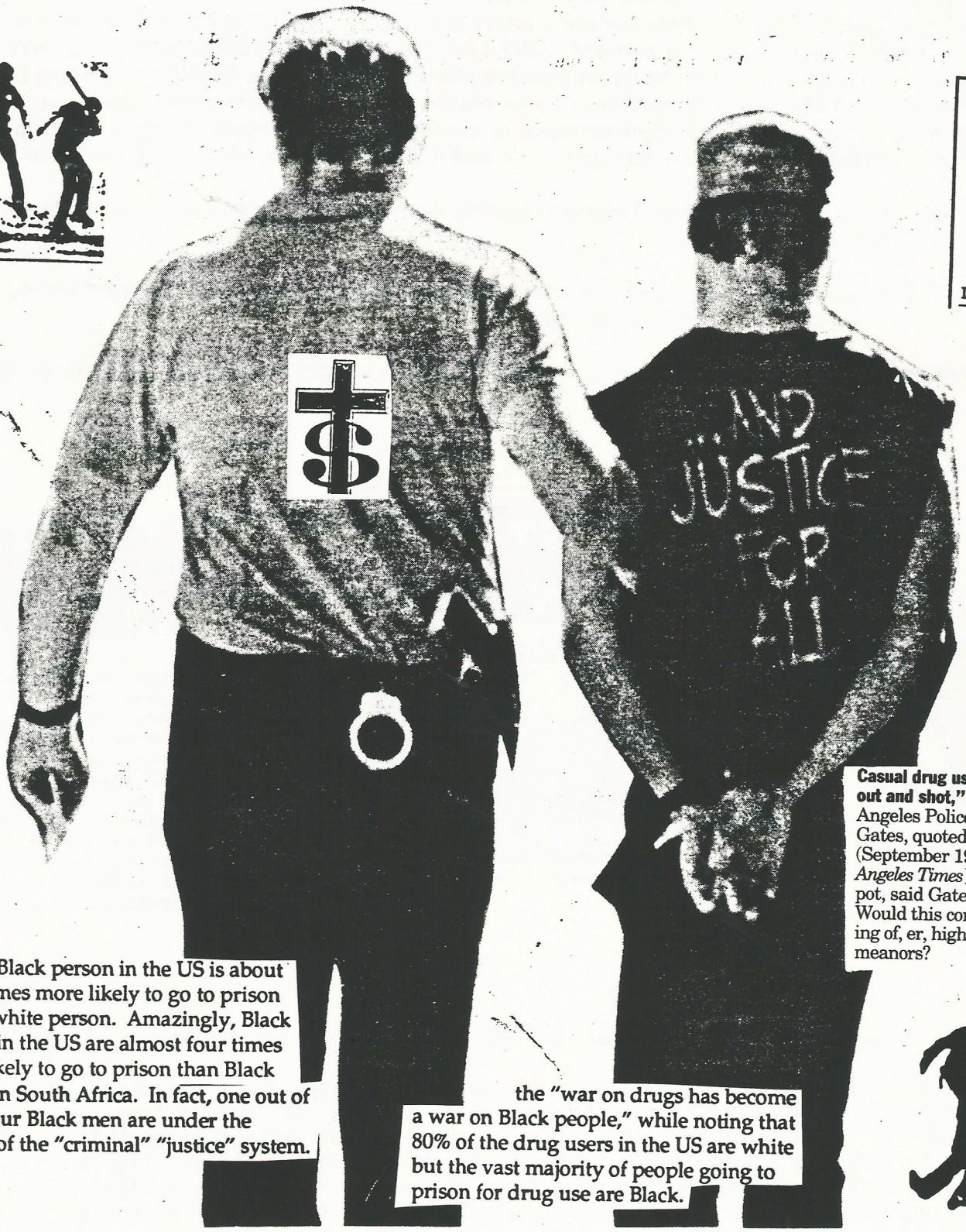




Casual drug users "ought to be taken out and shot," according to Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates, quoted in *In These Times* (September 19, quoting the *Los Angeles Times*). Occasional use of pot, said Gates, "is treason." Would this come under the heading of, er, high crimes and misdemeanors?

a Black person in the US is about eight times more likely to go to prison than a white person. Amazingly, Black people in the US are almost four times more likely to go to prison than Black people in South Africa. In fact, one out of every four Black men are under the control of the "criminal" "justice" system.

the "war on drugs has become a war on Black people," while noting that 80% of the drug users in the US are white but the vast majority of people going to prison for drug use are Black.

WHOSE INTERESTS?

About 30 arrests were made Tuesday night, police said, but the two areas were reported generally quiet after two nights of rock-throwing, vandalism and arson that was triggered when police shot a suspect during an arrest Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 5.

The D.C. riots and '60s deja vu

But the parallels between the Latino communities of the '60s are striking. The same substandard, overcrowded housing; and riot-torn black communities of the '60s are dreary, poorly paid jobs (or no work at all); the same resentment on the part of neighbors; the same complaints of police brutality. voicelessness; the same feeling that nobody cares. What is more And the same feeling that nobody knows. likely is that, as in the '60s, nobody knows.

Many African-American residents were shocked to learn that Hispanics have a list of grievances against them that mimic black complaints about discrimination by whites.

complexity begins at the shooting itself - officer Jewell is Black and her partner is Latina. The rioters were Latino, Black and white. The politics of the rebellion were painted on the walls: "Fuck Tha Police" or "Pisamosa las chotas."

Some in the neighborhood said many of the youths were blacks from elsewhere in the city. "Everybody who doesn't like the police [participated]. There's no color on that," said a black youth who lives in the area.

The Future of Law Enforcement? A Chronology of Events

by William L. Tafoya

The following chronology was developed from the estimates of a panel of law enforcement management experts, scholars and executives. The Delphi technique, a forecasting methodology, was the principal research tool used in the 15-month study. The events presented here are expected to occur by the year listed assuming a continuation of the present economic, social/cultural and political environment, and little shift in present educational, ecological and technological trends. The study was concluded in November 1985; the report from which these forecasts are taken was completed in December 1986. A (C) following the event statement indicates that the panel reached consensus as to the date of occurrence. For the remainder of the event statements—where a year is presented—the panel agreed that the events would occur but they could not reach consensus as to the date of occurrence. In such cases, some of the panelists believe the events would occur sooner and some believe they will occur later; the year presented reflects the majority of opinion.

1990 Laws concerning violent crimes will be more stringently enforced than in 1984. (C)

Laws concerning property crimes will be more stringently enforced than in 1984. (C)

Computer-related crimes will increase in number by more than 50 percent over the 1984 rate. (C)

1995 Community involvement and self-help (e.g., community-oriented policing) in local policing will become common practice in more than 70 percent of the nation. (C)

University/professionally conducted research will have a direct and positive influence on the development of crime reduction strategies.

Acts of political terrorism in the United States will increase in number more than 50 percent over the 1984 rate.

1997 State-of-the-art high technology will be routinely used in crime reduction. (C)

1999 Urban unrest and civil disorder (of the 1960s-1970s variety) will take place throughout America. (C)

2000 Computer-based instruction will become the standard for training in over 70 percent of police agencies. (C)

More than 70 percent of the "invasion of privacy" lawsuits will successfully demonstrate inadequacies of and inaccuracies in police computerized files. (C)

Crimes committed using high technology will become so complex that the police will be unable to do more than take initial reports.

2005 Disparity between the haves and the have-nots will be identified as the major causative factor for traditional crime. (C)

2025 Formal education will become the standard for entry and advancement in more than 70 percent of police agencies.

More than 70 percent of police executives will adopt a non-traditional (proactive/goal-oriented) leadership style.

2035 Private security agencies will assume more than 50 percent of all law enforcement responsibilities. (C)

2050 Law enforcement will achieve professional status. (C)

More than 50 percent of police agencies will have personnel competent to conduct rigorous empirical research.

Medical (bio-chemical, genetic, nutritional and brain) research will discover the means of identifying and treating violence-proneness.

One part barrio and one part "hood," one part yuppie and another part artsy, the Mt. Pleasant and Adams-Morgan districts at their best are festive, multicultural enclaves full of trendy restaurants and discos side-by-side with ethnic eateries and street vendors.

In fact the rioters were selective in their choices of targets. Salvadoran and Guatemalan restaurants and shops were spared, while franchises like 7-11, Ben and Jerry's and Church's Fried Chicken were trashed.

The revolt that broke out on May 5 is particularly important for several reasons. First, it is a clear indication that the growing population of Central Americans is bringing the political experience of their lives under US puppet regimes to the inner cities of the US. Second, it shows the potential of militant multi-racial working class opposition to this system. Finally, it reveals literally just how close millions of people who have little to lose by standing up to this system are to the centers of power.

Thirteen police officers were injured, and two stores, 19 police vehicles and a city bus were gutted by fire Sunday and Monday nights after bands of mostly young protesters confronted police, who responded with tear gas.

Turning Anger into Action

DEAR AUNTIE W@R
A Occasional Column of Advice and Criticism
(And one of the newest members of the Wind Chill Family)

Dear Auntie W@r:

I've recently heard a lot of talk about how some of you politico types are thinking about trying to squat a house. You all seem to think this is such a radical thing, but I'm not sure. Pardon the marxist jargon, but it seems a little bourgeois to me. You can't feel like good anarchists when you devote huge amounts of time and energy into decorating any old apartment, so now you're going to divert the same (or more) effort into making some uninhabited house functional?! Excuse me, but I think you're all full of shit. You say squatting is so radical. Oh, yeah, right. Well, it's not like you have to squat. I can just see it now. You'll spend all your time hanging out in your new cool pad, pretending to be poor, skipping out on organizing by saying you have to defend your squat. Meanwhile the world goes to shit, but you learn a little something about plumbing. I don't get it. I bet you can all go running back to your families and friends when the going gets rough anyway. You're so radical, or so you say, but you're going to become micro-fascists in your own squat. If you start early, I bet you can embroider a nice "No Drugs in the Squat" welcome sign. The more I think about it, the more I know I'm right. You're full of shit, and your new happy home ain't gonna do shit to change that.

Apprehensively yours,

Renters for Peace

Dear Auntie W@r:
(and all the folks at the Anarchist Coffeehouse)

Hey, thanks a lot guys. I went to this great party you had a couple of months ago. I felt really flattered that you invited me. I mean, it was really part of the art scene, you know, there were poets in one room, and some performance art. I'm no artist, but I like to be around those people. They're so creative and unusual. You never know what they might say or do. That's what I like in a party, lots of people wearing interesting clothes, good food, the newest music. And with the way the world is, it's nice to know you're doing something to change the world just by going. That's what the donation cup on the food table was for, right? See, I don't really have time to be an activist, but I can always make time for a party. I've always been that way. It actually helps me in my work. Now that I'm out of school I don't really see that many people I like during the week. Since I've been working full time, I really need something to do on the weekend to take the pressure off. Otherwise I get so wound up I just snap at people at home and at work. I mean, I could lose my job, plus I hate being a real bitch. Anyway, even though I'm working a shit job, it still helps to come in on Monday fresh and revived and ready to do my best. Thanks for doing your share to make this world a little easier for me to live with.

Jane "Fight For Your Right To Party" Doe

VISUALIZE ARMED REVOLUTION.

Dear Auntie W@r:

Aren't anarchists a little ridiculous?! I mean, they say they're against authority, against -isms, against the rule of tradition, but then they go calling themselves "anarchists"which refers to a tradition of opposition to the state, which functions just like any other ideology by excluding those without radical-enough or correct views, which blindly follows such slogans (yes, slogans) as "Rent is Robbery" and "Smash the State" half the time without knowing what they mean anyway. Aren't anarchists a bunch of hyper-critical (hypocritical) armchair theorists and over-sexed rebellious teenagers anyway? So in love with your youth culture, don't you forget to notice that you're mostly white, and that by calling yourselves anarchists you're identifying with a european, white, (mostly) male political tradition. It all seems like a big contradiction. You say labels are for jars, but then you go around waving your black flag and writing your circle @ all over like you're dogs pissing on your turf. I don't get it, you seem like smart, thoughtful people, and yet you're into this anarchist cult mentality. Seems a little childish. Get a theory. Get a life.

Just a little helpful advice from,

Individualists for Liberation
(Chicago Local 101)

Message from Auntie W@r:

These poor lost souls have written their questions, their accusations, their reactionary attitudes, their confused ramblings, and their honest demands for clarity and coherence in the anarchist scene. I feel for them. For the next issue of Wind Chill F@ctor, I will prepare some response to these searching (and sometimes scathing) critics. But in the meantime, lend these people your open ear. These are basic questions they're asking, and I beg of you to be able to answer them yourselves.

SOMETHING ABOUT LIKING STRONG WOMEN

by Stella

I was hardly paying attention
When he asked if I'd sit on his face
In fact, I was drunkenly wondering
if I'd get one of the potatoes on the fire
(you work out the slow cooking metaphor)

But heedless of my distraction
one arm landed on my leg
one arm landed on my neck
So I grabbed both wrists, and
he was only mildly surprized
when they went crack in the firelight,
just as he was mumbling
something about liking strong women.

The Holy Scripture
(because it's better to be irreverant than irrelevant)

by Stella

The temporary agency says, "Dress corporate,"
so in the morning, it is not out of love that
I change myself for you.
I change into my corporate clothes, flatten my spiky hair.
I change my smell, balance on heels for feminine posture.
I change my voice and what I do and do not say.
I change so much I do not recognize myself
in the bathroom mirror at work.

People tell me how good I look,
and they expect me to like that.

When I go outside in the morning and commute to the worksite,
I am your image of my appropriate appearance.
Your description of my dormant sexuality is
inscribed on my body with lipstick and nylon.
I am your image of my cooperation with the goals of your corporation.
Corporeal, my complicity, corporeal, your faith in me.
You trust me because I look just like you.
We are corporate. One body. One purpose. One profit. Under god.
I have made myself in your image,
and you pay me upwards of ten dollars an hour for it.

Che was right when he wrote that
the revolutionary is motivated by a profound sense of love.

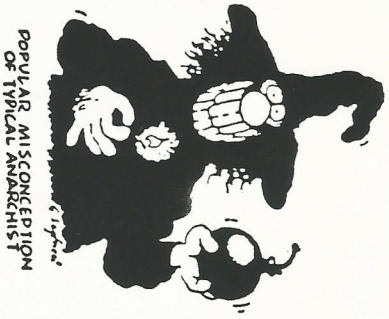
And in the evening, it is out of love that
I change myself into an instrument of communication.
I change into my black jeans, black boots, black jacket.
I change my clothes to match the night.
I change my role, my identity, my voice.
On the way out of the house, my mother says,
"You look like you're in disguise."
Leaving, I think, she should say it in the morning instead.

I go out at night inscribing my image upon your body.
I change your billboards, your stop signs, your locks.
I change your walls, your property, your shops.
And in the morning, you will go to work
wearing what *I* have chosen from your closet.
Adorned in blood, you will start the day aware of our difference,
just as I am aware of our difference
when I change my life to do the jobs
your system gives me

no alternative but to work.
I would rather have more sleep,
but it is a trade off, and I will not trade my nights,
and I cannot trade my days for soft comfort between sheets.

I am not satisfied with this situation,
but then neither are you.
I am sure we could equally state, you and I,
that we equally await with eagerness
the termination of this symbiotic relationship.

The society that abolishes every adventure makes its own abolition the only adventure.


POPULAR MISCONCEPTION OF TYPICAL ANARCHIST

ACTUAL ANARCHISTS IN REAL LIFE.

VAMPIRE ALERT!

Beware followers of Christ the Vampire! They are known to infest this area and like other vampires (Homo Sapiens Parasitica) they look human but they can be distinguished by these traits:

1: Desire to control other people's lives.

2: Blind obedience and subjugation to the orders and suggestions of their vampire masters.

3: Inability to think for or rely on themselves, and an irrational pride in these handicaps.

4: Experiences of visitations from Christ or his closest followers, including Mary, Queen of Vampires.

5: Prejudice, bias, and hate towards those who have traits different from their vampire flock or who are not part of their flock (ie., racism, sexism, homophobia, etc.)

Victims of Christ in the past have established organized institutions to worship and carry out the commands of the Vampire. These institutions have been responsible for causing wars, genocide, and have been the greatest bane to human progress and life throughout history. Hiding behind hypocrisy and lies, they claim to be good and represent the only Truth but attempt to make men and wimmin alike into worms.

NOTE: It is not true that vampires are hurt by sunlight, garlic, or religious symbols. Also, they live off people's spirit, not blood. They are known to be dangerous and will purposefully try to make other people into vampires, even their own children.

Robin Goodfellow — Agnathaby Dagashticulla
Roger Incognito
Mr. Fish — Jazz Finger
Sedov Trevor Lucien — Sir Reah Lism

Members, Committee for Public Defense

CHRIST THE VAMPIRE WANTS YOU!

by Cindy Hee & Maz

Ripping apart my life
Vacuuming out my options
Raping my freedom to choose
Forcing me into the alleys

Blindfolded

My life in a Stranger's clutch
His hands inside me
poking
prodding
probing
possessing
peeling
away my sanity
Predetermining my fate
He thinks he's God
He wrote the Bible
the Laws
the History
He wears the badge
the robes
the dick
He controls our bodies
our lives
our right to decide
(I spit in his face)

Fearful

Adaptation, my only legal choice:

I must become sexless, unattractive
throw away my hairbrush
take away my breasts
my shape
my cunt
wear boy's clothing --
better yet, burlap sacks
check into a nunnery
never smile, or flirt, or date again
lower my voice
shave my head, my body
smear camouflage paint
all over me
smear the blood of my
past sisters inside
my uterus and let it
drip
drip
drip
carry a spare coathanger
at all times, just in case -- or
knitting needles
a knife
bleach & a douche-bag
a hammer
a tire-iron
beat me 'til I miscarry

Maybe then I'll be safe --
or if I'm lucky
I'll die
Put me, securely, in the womb
of the Earth

He rapes her body with
skyscrapers and concrete
stripmining and landfills
wars and industry (same thing)

She, fertilized with me, by choice
carries me to term and
I become a tree or
a flower or
a river
which I'd rather be because
then I'd be free to grow
choose to pollinate
decide to flow
for a moment, at least

Until he rips my roots
and I become a Hallmark card
Until he drowns me in chemicals
and I become a suburban lawn
Until he chokes me with a dam
and I, powerless, become a power plant

He destroys her offspring
She watches her children slowly die
He forces me to bear his offspring
Once born, like the tree
the flower
the river
my children slowly die
in his wars:
hunger
homelessness
disease
strife

NO!

we won't go back
I am woman
His prick isn't as big as my pride
My will is stronger than his wallet
My life more valid than his laws

Determination runs through
my blood
from woman to woman
monthly
daily
hourly

We will destroy the Bible
the Laws
the History
We will defy the badge
the robes
the dick
We will control our bodies
our lives
our right to decide

Roaring with anger
Our power, unleashed
bolts of lightning
a sudden tornado
an irresistable hurricane
A rainbow, by the light of the Moon,
will guide us in healing His wounds.

(this poem, like our fight, will never truly be completed)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACT UP: Tackles AIDS issues on many levels. Meetings every Tuesday 7:30pm at Uptown National Bank, suite 1200, 4753 N. Broadway

ANIMAL RESEARCH PROTEST: Protesting (specific) animal research at Northwestern Univ. every Wed. 5-6:30pm at Tech Institute, Sheridan & Noyes in Evanston. For info, call Concerned Citizens for Ethical Research (708) 869-8855.

A.W.A.R.E.: Animal rights group. P.O.Box 1954, Des Plaines, IL 60017. (708)635-1543. News & Events Hotline: (708)297-3596.

BAKLAVA: Open anarchist grouping promoting education and action on a variety of issues. P.O.Box 81961, Chicago, IL 60681.

BLACK PANTHER NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE: Dedicated to the social, economic, political, and national liberation of the Afrikan Amerikan Community. 1180 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60622.

BOOKS TO PRISONERS responds to prisoners' requests and is funded entirely by donations. To donate books, money, time, or energy, write: Books for Prisoners, Box A, 92 Pike St., Seattle, WA 98101.

CLINIC DEFENSE: Help defend the American Women's Medical Center from anti-choice activists every Saturday morning from 7:30am-12noon. Corner of Western & Diversey.

COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN: An organization dedicated to abolishing control unit prisons and the associated barbaric ideology. Will be holding a 1-day conference in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Attica prison rebellion on Sat. Sept.21, 10am-9pm at DePaul University, Schmidt Academic Center. CEML, P.O.Box 875172, Chicago, IL 60657-8172.

EMERGENCY CLINIC DEFENSE COALITION: Organizes clinic defense and mobilization in support of wimmin's right to choice. (312)528-0042.

FREE PUERTO RICO COMMITTEE: Supporting the Puerto Rican independence struggle and freedom for Puerto Rican political prisoners and p.o.w.s. (312) 278-6706

HATE CRIME REPORTING: To report attacks based on sex, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or nationality, call 1-800-347-HATE.

HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICES: Providing gay community services, including counseling and hate crime reporting. 3225 N. Sheffield, 472-6469. Gay & Lesbian Helpline: 929-4357.

PLEDGE OF RESISTANCE: A group committed to opposing U.S. interventions and militarism and their domestic impacts. (312) 663-4399. 59 E. Van Buren, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60605.

QUEER NATION: A direct action group promoting gay, lesbian, and bisexual visibility and fighting homophobia and oppression. Meet every Monday 7:30pm at Ann Sather Restaurant, upstairs, 929 W. Belmont.

REVOLUTIONARY GROUP X: An anarchist group supporting the Love and Rage newspaper project. P.O.Box 6022, Chicago, IL 60680.

SOME CHICAGO ANARCHISTS: An educational anarchist group. Holds forums and picnics. 1340 W. Irving Park Rd., Box 163, Chicago, IL 60613.

TASK FORCE TO CONFRONT POLICE VIOLENCE: Working to expose and confront police brutality and racism and the institultionalized attitudes which support them. P.O. Box 478783, Chicago, IL 60647, (312)235-0070

WESTOWN COMMUNITY LAW OFFICE: Cooperatively-run and staffed by wimmin. (312)278-6706. 2048 W. Division.

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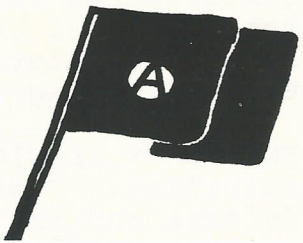
You always come back to the basics.